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3rd Edition

NYAYA SETU THE AI & JUSTICE POLICY CONVENTION

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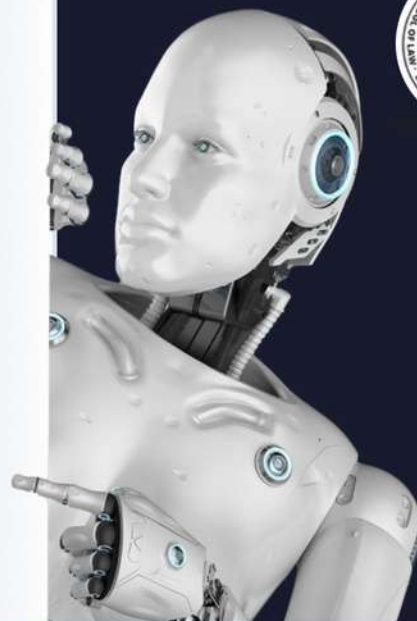
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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

SVKM'S NARSEE MONJEE INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES (NMIMS)



With a legacy spanning over four decades, SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) has emerged as one of India's premier multidisciplinary universities. Established in 1981 under the patronage of Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal (SVKM), NMIMS has consistently upheld its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and social responsibility. Today, NMIMS operates across multiple campuses including Mumbai, Shirpur, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Indore, Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Chandigarh, with a network of constituent schools offering diverse professional and academic programmes. SVKM, one of Mumbai's largest educational trusts, has been instrumental in shaping modern education systems in India. With over 33 educational institutions and more than 40,000 students enrolled annually, SVKM continues to nurture talent across disciplines while remaining deeply committed to nation-building through education. In furtherance of this vision, NMIMS Indore strives to create socially sensitive human resources equipped with intellectual rigor, ethical grounding, and a strong sense of public responsibility.



FROM THE DESK OF **DIRECTOR**

Welcome to SVKM's NMIMS, Indore, and the 3rd Legal Aid Policy Convention, 2026 At NMIMS Indore, we take immense pride in fostering an academic environment that not only nurtures intellectual growth but also prepares students to tackle real-world challenges with confidence and creativity. Our institution is built on the pillars of inclusivity, integrity, and respect for diverse perspectives. We firmly believe that education is a continuous journey of learning, unlearning, and relearning shaping individuals who uphold the highest ethical, professional, and personal standards.

At NMIMS Indore, we strive to become a preferred destination for undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral students, and practicing professionals. Our commitment extends to creating value through Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives while upholding the core values of academic integrity and discipline. These principles guide us toward fostering holistic development among our students and strengthening the institution's academic and professional excellence.

The 3rd Legal Aid Policy Convention reflects our continued commitment to promoting legal awareness and meaningful policy discourse. Building on the success of previous editions, it provides a platform for talented legal minds from across the country to present innovative policy ideas, engage in thoughtful discussions, and address important socio-legal issues. For participants, the convention offers an opportunity to broaden perspectives, explore societal challenges, and contribute to the discourse on legal aid and social justice, while working toward a more inclusive and equitable society.

DR. ANSHUMAN JASWAL
DIRECTOR, SVKM's NMIMS, INDORE



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

**SCHOOL OF LAW, SVKM'S NMIMS,
INDORE**



The School of Law, SVKM's NMIMS, Indore, is a constituent school of SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University), established in 2019 with the approval of the Bar Council of India. The institution offers integrated five-year programmes in B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), designed to impart rigorous legal education complemented by professional ethics, social awareness, and practical exposure. The School of Law emphasizes holistic legal training by combining strong academic foundations with experiential learning. Through moot court competitions, policy drafting exercises, client counselling, legal aid initiatives, workshops, seminars, and conferences, the institution ensures that students develop analytical thinking, drafting proficiency, and advocacy skills. Committed to the ideals of justice, equity, and accessibility, the School of Law actively engages with members of the Bar, Judiciary, policy institutions, and law firms to provide meaningful professional exposure and internship opportunities. It aspires to emerge as a centre of excellence dedicated to legal scholarship, policy innovation, and public service.



FROM THE DESK OF **DEAN**

It is with immense pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 3rd National Legal Aid Policy Convention, 2026, a dynamic platform organized by the School of Law, NMIMS Indore, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

This convention represents more than a gathering of brilliant legal minds it is a call to action. Nyaya Setu - The AI and Justice Policy Convention brings together legal practitioners, policymakers, technologists, and advocates to examine the evolving intersection of artificial intelligence and access to justice. As we engage with this theme, the focus is not merely on technological advancement, but on crafting ethical, inclusive, and forward-looking policy frameworks that ensure AI serves as a bridge rather than a barrier to dignity, equality, and justice.

The importance of legal aid cannot be overstated it is the cornerstone of a just and compassionate society. It bridges the gap between the law and the people it serves, ensuring that justice is not a privilege but a fundamental right. Through public hearings, policy presentations, and robust discussions, this convention aims to make that vision a lived reality.

At the School of Law, NMIMS, we believe in nurturing not just skilled lawyers but socially conscious leaders. Events like these exemplify our commitment to creating change-makers who think beyond courtroom victories to societal progress. I congratulate the dedicated team at SAMATVA: The Legal Aid and Awareness Cell for their relentless efforts in making this convention a reality. Your passion and commitment reflect the ethos we strive to foster in every student. As we come together to deliberate and innovate, I urge you to think boldly, challenge conventions, and work collaboratively toward policies that truly uplift and empower those most in need.

Wishing you a convention filled with insightful discourse and meaningful outcomes.

DR. DURGAMBINI PATEL
DEAN, KPMSOL MUMBAI



ABOUT THE ORGANISING BODY

SAMATVA: THE LEGAL AID & AWARENESS CELL

SAMATVA is the Legal Aid & Awareness Society of NMIMS Indore, founded on the principles of equality, access to justice, and social empowerment. The Society works with the objective of bridging socio-economic and informational gaps by providing legal aid, spreading legal awareness, and fostering an informed citizenry.

Over the years, SAMATVA has undertaken a wide range of initiatives including legal aid camps, legal awareness drives, school outreach programmes, prison visits, Lok Adalat awareness sessions, workshops, seminars, and collaborations with non-profit organizations and legal services authorities.

In addition to on-ground activities, SAMATVA actively disseminates legal updates, policy developments, and awareness material through its digital platforms, thereby promoting legal literacy among students and the public at large. The Society remains committed to strengthening access to justice and cultivating a culture of legal responsibility and social consciousness.



FROM THE DESK OF **FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR**

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the 3rd National Legal Aid Policy Convention, 2026, an initiative that reflects the School of Law, SVKM's NMIMS Indore's enduring commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue on justice, policy, and social responsibility. This year's theme, "Nyaya Setu - The AI and Justice Policy Convention," symbolizes a visionary effort to examine how technological advancements can be harnessed to strengthen access to justice in an increasingly digital world.

The concept of Nyaya Setu embodies the idea of a bridge "one that connects innovation with equity, technology with accountability, and policy with the lived realities of society". As a faculty member, I take immense pride in witnessing students engage with such critical questions, demonstrating the analytical depth, creativity, and commitment that the legal profession demands. This convention offers a unique platform for participants to deliberate on complex socio-legal issues, develop forward-thinking policy solutions, and engage in constructive discourse with peers and experts from across the country. Such engagements not only enrich academic understanding but also inspire a deeper commitment toward advancing the ideals of justice and public service.

SAMATVA: The Legal Aid and Awareness Cell has taken a remarkable initiative in organizing this convention and continues to play an important role in promoting the spirit of legal awareness and community engagement. I look forward to the insightful discussions and innovative ideas that will emerge from this gathering, and I wish all participants a truly rewarding and intellectually stimulating experience.



Mr. Dhawal Kumar Singh
FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR

FROM THE DESK OF **FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR**

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 3rd National Legal Aid Policy Convention, 2026, hosted by the School of Law, SVKM's NMIMS Indore. Centered around the theme "Nyaya Setu - The AI and Justice Policy Convention", this year's edition seeks to explore the transformative intersection of artificial intelligence, law, and equitable access to justice. In a rapidly evolving legal landscape, the integration of emerging technologies into justice systems presents both unprecedented opportunities and critical challenges. As educator and mentor, I believe that it is essential for future legal professionals to engage thoughtfully with these developments, ensuring that innovation remains firmly anchored in the principles of fairness, accountability, and inclusivity.

Through meaningful dialogue, policy drafting, and collaborative deliberations, this convention aspires to encourage participants to envision progressive frameworks where technology strengthens, rather than compromises, the ideals of justice. SAMATVA: The Legal Aid and Awareness Cell has taken a meaningful initiative in bringing this significant platform to life. The effort reflects a strong commitment toward advancing the cause of legal aid and social justice.

To all participants, I encourage you to approach this convention with intellectual curiosity, bold perspectives, and a collaborative spirit. May the discussions and ideas emerging from this platform contribute to building stronger, more inclusive pathways that bridge innovation with justice. I wish you an enriching and inspiring drafting convention experience.

Mr. Rishi Bhargava
FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR





The primary objective of the Centre is to study and develop an understanding of Generative AI, its growing role, and its application in contemporary society. The Centre also promotes student and faculty participation in workshops, research initiatives, seminars, and collaborative learning activities that focus on the capabilities and implications of generative technologies.

FROM THE DESK OF

FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 3rd Legal Aid Policy Convention, 2026, organized at the School of Law, SVKM's NMIMS, Indore. This convention reflects our continued commitment to encouraging meaningful academic engagement with issues that lie at the intersection of law, policy, and social justice.

The theme for this year, "Nyaya Setu - The AI and Justice Policy Convention," focuses on examining the growing role of artificial intelligence within contemporary legal systems and its implications for access to justice. As technological innovations increasingly influence governance and legal processes, it becomes essential for emerging legal professionals to critically evaluate how such developments can be responsibly integrated within justice frameworks.

Through policy drafting, research-driven discussions, and collaborative dialogue, the convention aims to create a platform where participants can explore forward-looking solutions that strengthen justice delivery while safeguarding the principles of fairness, accountability, and inclusivity.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of SAMATVA - The Legal Aid and awareness cell of NMIMS School of Law, Indore, whose dedication and initiative have been instrumental in organizing this convention. Their commitment to promoting legal awareness and access to justice continues to inspire impactful academic and social engagement. I encourage all participants to make the most of this opportunity by approaching the convention with curiosity, critical insight, and a spirit of collaboration. I hope that the ideas and discussions emerging from this platform contribute meaningfully to shaping innovative and inclusive approaches to justice. I wish all participants a productive and enriching policy drafting experience.

Mr. Priyansh Sharan

ASST. PROFESSOR, SVKM'S NMIMS, INDORE



ABOUT KNOWLEDGE PARTNER

Civis

Civis is a non-profit organisation built and maintained by Civic Innovation Foundation. It was founded in 2018 by Antaraa Vasudev with an aim to increase citizen participation in the lawmaking process, to generate public awareness and provide education on issues of civic importance.

Through this platform and many civic initiatives, the organisation works to build effective dialogue between governments and citizens on draft laws and policies at a national, state, city and ward level.

The work done at Civis complements and furthers the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy 2014 - a measure of the Indian government that encourages lawmakers to consult with citizens and relevant stakeholders through public consultations before finalising the draft law.



ABOUT THE EVENT

Nyaya Setu: The AI & Justice Policy Convention

Nyaya Setu: The AI & Justice Policy Convention is a national-level policy drafting competition conceptualized as a Policy Hackathon, aimed at addressing emerging challenges posed by the deployment of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) in the Indian legal system.

The Convention seeks to move beyond traditional academic writing by requiring participants to draft practical, implementable policy frameworks and model guidelines for AI governance in justice delivery. By simulating a Parliamentary Standing Committee process, the competition offers participants a unique opportunity to engage with policy-making in a real-world, implementation-oriented setting.

The initiative aims to nurture future legal professionals capable of responding to the complex intersections of law, technology, and constitutional values.



CONCEPT & OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of Nyaya Setu is to facilitate the drafting of robust policy guidelines regulating the use of Generative AI within India's justice and legal aid ecosystem.

Participants are encouraged to critically evaluate risks such as:

- Algorithmic bias against marginalized communities
- Hallucination of legal precedents
- Threats to data privacy and transparency

The competition emphasizes legislative drafting, legislative impact assessment, and public accountability, thereby strengthening participants' understanding of governance, institutional processes, and regulatory design in the AI era.

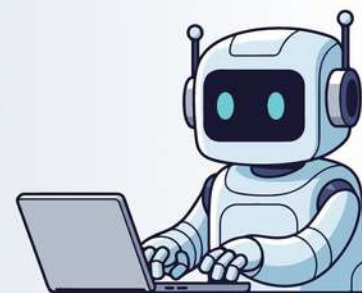
COMPETITION THEME / PROBLEM TRACKS

The competition is structured around problem statements derived from existing gaps in the Indian legal AI landscape, particularly in the context of access to justice and legal aid delivery.

Participants are required to draft policy guidelines proposed as part of the National AI Governance Framework, focusing on areas such as:

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| • AI-assisted legal information systems |
| • Legal document drafting tools |
| • Case assessment mechanisms |
| • Multilingual access to justice |
| • Research support for legal aid lawyers |

The overarching theme explores how AI can be responsibly leveraged to enhance access, affordability, and efficiency in justice delivery while ensuring constitutional compliance, inclusivity, and ethical safeguards.



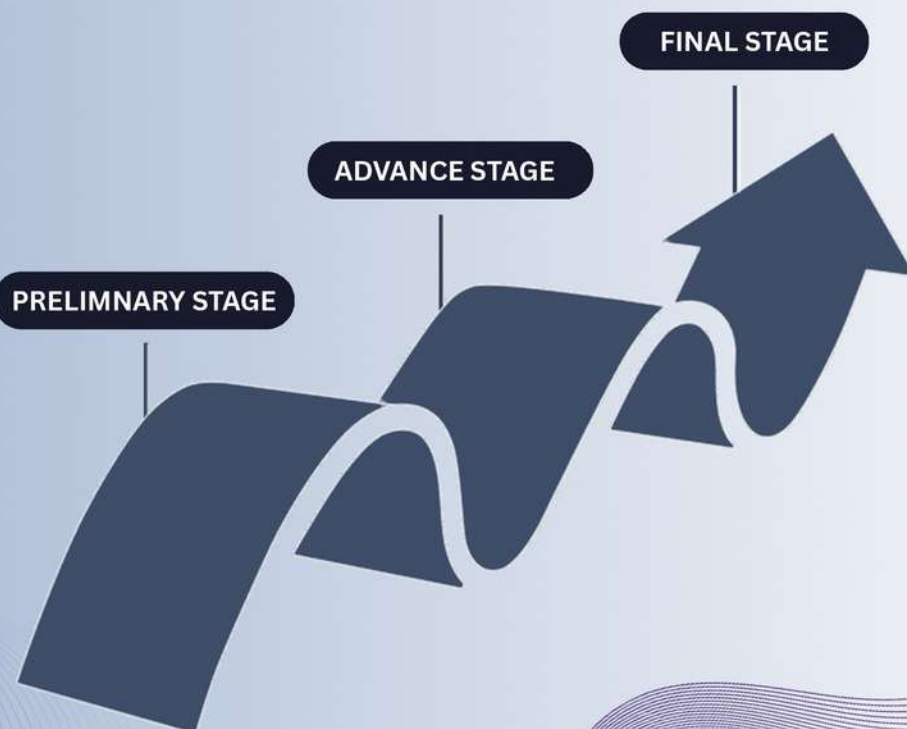


FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall be conducted in the form of a Policy Drafting Competition (Policy Hackathon) and shall consist of three phases.

The Competition aims to test participants' ability to:

- Identify policy gaps
- Draft legislative frameworks
- Defend policy proposals before a simulated Parliamentary Standing Committee



STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

Preliminary Stage

This round would involve written submission of **Policy Concept Note** of **upto 2000 words** by participants. These policy concept would be thoroughly evaluated by our knowledge partner **Civis**, an independent body, through their **policy experts panel and policy analysis tool**.

Top 8 policy drafts as per evaluation would qualify for Advanced Stage.

Advanced Stage

The 8 shortlisted teams would participate in the quarter-final and semi-final rounds of the competition along with the **final policy** of **upto 7500 words**, to be held at the NMIMS Indore campus, where they would be judged on the basis of their research, presentation, discussion, positive criticism of other's policy etc.

Top 2 policy drafts as per evaluation will proceed for final stage.

Final Stage

The **top 2** teams from semi-finals will compete in the final round followed by a **press conference round** for evaluation of **best speaker award** conducted as a Simulated Parliamentary Standing Committee Hearing.

The decision of the panel shall be final and binding.

MODE & LANGUAGE OF THE COMPETITION

- **Mode: Hybrid**
 - Preliminary Round: Online
 - Subsequent Rounds: Offline (On-Campus)
- **Language: English of All submissions, presentations, and interactions shall be in English.**

ELIGIBILITY & TEAM COMPOSITION

- **Open to students pursuing a recognised degree from any university or college.**
- **From any UGC recognized university or institution across India.**
- **Team Composition:**
 - **Two (2) members per team**
 - **A participant may participate in only one team**

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- **Teams must register on or before the date prescribed by the Organizing Committee**
- **Registration fee is non-refundable**
- **Registration is complete only upon receipt of confirmation email**
- **Details filled during registration will be reflected on certificates**



PRIZES & REWARDS

WINNER	RS. 20,000/- + TROPHY
FIRST RUNNERS-UP	RS. 12,000/- + TROPHY
BEST SPEAKER	RS. 8,000/- + TROPHY

TERMS OF FURTHER USE

- The Organizing Committee retains intellectual property rights over submitted policies.
- The Organizing Committee retains non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license for use, reproduction, modification, publication, and distribution over submitted policies.
- Co-authorship will be duly acknowledged for public use of submissions.



TIMELINE

REGISTRATION OPENS	17.07.2026
REGISTRATION CLOSES	30.08.2026
RELEASE OF STATEMENT OF PROBLEM & RULE BOOK	17.07.2026
POLICY CONCEPT NOTE SUBMISSION DEADLINE	30.08.2026
DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR TOP 8 SHORTLISTED TEAMS	04.09.2026
DRAW OF LOTS	17.09.2026
FINAL POLICY SUBMISSION	17.09.2026
ADVANCED ROUNDS	17.09.2026
FINAL ROUNDS	18.09.2026
RESULT DECLARATION	18.09.2026

*These are the revised dates





REGISTRATION PROCESS

- All the teams shall require to register themselves on or before 25.08.2026 to be eligible to be part of the competition.
- The registration fee is Rs. 900. The same amount shall be non-refundable.
- The payment for registration fee must be according to payment guidelines provided in brochure.
- The participants must ensure that the details filled by them must be correct as the same will be used on certificates.
- The registration will deemed to be successful only on receiving confirmation mail from organizing committee.
- Any changes in details must be communicated to Organizing Committee at earliest.
- Accommodation charges will be communicated to Top 8 Shortlisted teams.

The link for registration form: <https://forms.gle/HsHmHvd1XuPoH43z7>

REGISTRATION

PAYMENT GUIDELINES

To complete your registration payment, kindly visit the provided link or scan the QR code below.



Payment Link

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