



NUTAN MAHARASHTRA VIDYA PRASARAK MANDAL'S

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PRESENTS

NATIONAL ONLINE

Legal Notice Drafting Competition 2026

Law Students Nationwide

Pairs · Completely Online

Notice · Reply · Viva

TOTAL CASH PRIZES WORTH

₹15,000

₹7,000

First Prize

₹5,000

Second Prize

₹3,000

Third Prize

Winners receive mementos and certificates

REGISTRATION

Fee	₹500 per team
Opens	29 September 2026
Closes	17 October 2026

REGISTER NOW

Tap to open the Google Registration Form

<https://forms.gle/uBX6vzmrEZXXQX517>

Payment via UPI / Bank Transfer — see page 04

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SECTION 01

About the College & Competition

A national-level drafting exercise connecting classroom learning with legal practice.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Late Adv. Ku. Shalaka Santosh Khandge Law College, established in 2025 under the aegis of Nutan Maharashtra Vidya Prasarak Mandal (NMVPM), is a young and emerging institution committed to quality legal education, academic excellence, professional competence and ethical values. The College carries forward the rich educational legacy of NMVPM — an institution with a history spanning more than a century and a longstanding commitment to expanding educational opportunities in the Maval region. The College is affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, recognised by the Government of Maharashtra and approved by the Bar Council of India.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The National Online Legal Notice Drafting Competition, 2026 is organised by the Nutan Maharashtra Vidya Prasarak Mandal (NMVPM) Trust through Late Adv. Ku. Shalaka Santosh Khandge Law College.

A legal notice is an important pre-litigation communication that formally presents a grievance or claim, identifies the basis of the demand and provides an opportunity for resolution before legal proceedings are initiated.

The competition is designed to strengthen legal drafting, analytical reasoning, professional communication and advocacy skills through a practical, simulated legal dispute. Through the Legal Notice, the Reply and the Interview / Viva Voce, it aims to bridge the gap between classroom learning and practical legal practice.

THE COMPETITION IN BRIEF

ELIGIBILITY

UG law students

Recognised programmes in India

PARTICIPATION

Pairs of two

One notice + one reply

MODE

Completely online

Submission & viva

LANGUAGE

English

Drafts & communication

ASSESSMENT

100 marks

Notice 40 · Reply 40 · Viva 20

REGISTRATION FEE

₹500 per team

UPI / Bank Transfer

SECTION 02

Eligibility & Structure

Know the participation model before you register and draft.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to undergraduate students pursuing LL.B., B.A. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B., B.L.S. LL.B. or any other recognised undergraduate law programme in India. Both participants must be bona fide students of a recognised law institution at the time of registration.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

PARTICIPANT PAIR

2 participants

WRITTEN WORK

1 Legal Notice + 1 Reply

INTERVIEW

Both participants

MODE

Completely online

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English

TOTAL SCORE

100 marks

CORE RULES

- 1 One participant shall draft the Legal Notice and the other participant shall draft the Reply to the Legal Notice.
- 2 Both participants shall take part in the Interview / Viva Voce.
- 3 Participants shall choose any one of the two Problem Statements and prepare both documents on the selected problem.
- 4 Participants must confine their drafts to the facts provided. Reasonable legal inferences may be drawn, but material facts shall not be invented or substantially altered.
- 5 The Legal Notice and Reply shall be based primarily on applicable Indian laws and Indian legal authorities.
- 6 All submissions and official communication shall be in English.

SECTION 03

Timeline & Registration

Plan your pair, payment and submission well before the deadline.

IMPORTANT DATES

● Registration Opens	29 September 2026
● Problem Statements Released	29 September 2026
● Last Date for Registration	17 October 2026
○ Submission of Legal Notice & Reply	24 October 2026
○ Online Interview / Viva Voce	26, 27 & 28 October 2026
○ Results Declaration	To be announced
○ Prize & Certificate Distribution	To be announced

HOW TO REGISTER

- 1 Fill the official Google Registration Form with accurate details of both participants.
- 2 Pay the registration fee of ₹500 per team via UPI or Bank Transfer.
- 3 Registration is complete only after submission of the form and payment. Regularly check the registered email address for your Team Code and updates.

REGISTRATION FORM

Scan or tap to register



OPEN FORM

forms.gle/uBX6vzmrEZxxQX517

PAYMENT DETAILS - ₹500 PER TEAM

UPI

lakssklawcollegecollect@axl

Bank Transfer

Account Name	Kalyani Munde
Bank	Kotak Mahindra Bank
Account No.	1245575520
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SECTION 04

Drafting, Submission & Anonymity

Formatting standards and anonymity requirements for written submissions.

DRAFTING & FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

Paper Size	A4
Font	Times New Roman
Main Text	12 pt
Headings	14 pt, Bold
Line Spacing	1.5
Alignment	Justified
Page Limit	Minimum 4 and maximum 6 pages per document
Submission	Two separate PDF files (Legal Notice and Reply)

ANONYMITY & TEAM CODE

- ◆ Participants shall not disclose their name, college, contact details or any other identifying information in the submitted PDF.
- ◆ A unique Team Code will be provided by the Organising Committee immediately after registration.
- ◆ The Team Code must be mentioned only in the header of both the Legal Notice and the Reply.
- ◆ No college logo, photograph, watermark or other identifying information shall appear in the documents.
- ◆ Written submissions will be evaluated anonymously. Violation may result in deduction of marks or disqualification.

SUBMISSION RULES

- ◆ Suggested file naming: **TeamCode_LegalNotice.pdf** and **TeamCode_Reply.pdf**.
- ◆ Late submissions shall ordinarily not be accepted.
- ◆ Submitted PDFs must be readable, complete and accessible.
- ◆ After submission, documents shall be treated as final unless correction is permitted by the Organising Committee.

SECTION 05

Evaluation & Marking

A 100-mark structure assessing drafting, response and oral defence separately.

Legal Notice

40 MARKS

Facts & Legal Issues	10
Legal Reasoning & Application	10
Reliefs / Demands & Effectiveness	10
Structure, Language & Professional Drafting	10

Reply to Legal Notice

40 MARKS

Facts & Response to Allegations	10
Legal Reasoning & Defence	10
Response to Demands & Effectiveness	10
Structure, Language & Professional Drafting	10

Interview / Viva Voce

20 MARKS

Knowledge & Understanding	5
Justification of Draft	5
Legal Reasoning and Case Laws	5
Response to Questions	5

GRAND TOTAL

Legal Notice 40 + Reply 40 + Viva 20

100 Marks

SECTION 06

AI Policy, Viva & Conduct

Professional conduct and originality standards apply throughout the competition.

10%

Maximum permissible AI-assisted content, and maximum permissible textual similarity – each assessed separately, wherever technically verifiable.

AI, PLAGIARISM & ORIGINALITY POLICY

- ◆ AI-assisted content and textual similarity shall each be limited to 10%, wherever technically verifiable.
- ◆ Plagiarism, substantial copying, fabrication or manipulation of legal authorities, impersonation, malpractice or unethical use of AI may result in disqualification.
- ◆ Participants remain responsible for the accuracy, originality and legal correctness of their submissions.

GOOGLE MEET INTERVIEW / VIVA VOCE

- ◆ The Interview / Viva Voce shall be conducted online through Google Meet on announced dates; the exact slot shall be communicated to registered pairs.
- ◆ Both participants must attend and join at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time.
- ◆ The camera shall remain on unless otherwise permitted; participants shall use their Team Code.
- ◆ Stable internet, a working microphone, a quiet environment and professional attire are required.
- ◆ No unauthorised person, notes, external assistance, search assistance or AI tools may be used during the Interview / Viva Voce.
- ◆ Questions may cover the Problem Statement, applicable law, authorities, drafting choices and legal reasoning.

GENERAL CONDUCT & ORGANISERS' RIGHTS

- ◆ Participants shall maintain professional conduct throughout the Competition.
- ◆ The Organising Committee may issue clarifications or directions necessary for proper conduct.
- ◆ Any material violation of the Competition Rules may result in disqualification.
- ◆ In unforeseen circumstances, the Organising Committee may take an appropriate decision in the best interests of the Competition.
- ◆ The decision of the Judging Panel regarding evaluation shall be final and binding.

PROBLEM STATEMENT I

Problem Statements

Choose any ONE problem statement and prepare BOTH the Legal Notice and the Reply.

I

RECOVERY OF UNPAID WAGES FROM A PRIVATE COMPANY

*Ms. Riya Sharma v. Zenith Digital Solutions Pvt. Ltd.***FACTS**

1. Ms. Riya Sharma, aged 27 years, was employed by Zenith Digital Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Pune, as a Content and Digital Marketing Executive.
2. She joined the company on 1 August 2025 on a gross monthly salary of ₹42,000. Her appointment letter provided that salary would be paid by the 7th day of the succeeding month and contained a 30-day notice period for resignation.
3. From January 2026, salary payments were delayed. January 2026 salary was paid in March 2026 and February 2026 salary was paid in April 2026. Her March, April and May 2026 salaries remain unpaid. Approved work-related expenses of ₹18,500 also remain unpaid.
4. Riya repeatedly contacted HR and Finance by email and WhatsApp. The company stated that it was facing a temporary cash-flow problem and assured her that the dues would be cleared.
5. On 31 May 2026, Riya submitted her resignation. However, she did not serve the contractual 30-day notice period and stopped attending work with immediate effect.
6. The company informed Riya that her failure to serve the notice period had contractual consequences and that it reserved its rights under the appointment terms. The company did not clear her claimed outstanding dues.
7. As of 15 July 2026: March salary ₹42,000; April salary ₹42,000; May salary ₹42,000; approved expenses ₹18,500; total claimed ₹1,44,500.
8. Date of company receiving notice: 20 July 2026.

GENERAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- ◆ Whether the legal rights and obligations of the parties have been affected by the facts stated.
- ◆ Whether any legal cause of action arises from the facts presented.
- ◆ What legal remedies and reliefs may be available to the concerned party.
- ◆ What legal defences or objections may be available to the opposite party.

PROBLEM STATEMENT II

Problem Statements

Choose any ONE problem statement and prepare BOTH the Legal Notice and the Reply.

II

RECOVERY OF CONTRACTUAL DUES FROM THE GOVERNMENT

M/s Aarav Infrastructure v. State of Maharashtra & Ors.

FACTS

1. M/s Aarav Infrastructure, a civil works contractor based in Pune, received a Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra work order on 10 November 2025 for repair and renovation of a government educational complex. The contract value was ₹18,75,000.
2. The work was to be completed within four months. Payments were to be released in stages upon certification, with the final bill to be processed after completion and inspection.
3. The contractor completed the work on 25 March 2026. An Assistant Engineer issued a completion report stating that the work was substantially in accordance with specifications.
4. Aarav Infrastructure submitted a final bill of ₹6,40,000 on 5 April 2026. Despite communications dated 20 April, 10 May and 5 June, payment was not released. The contractor was informed that the bill was pending administrative/budgetary approval.
5. On 15 June 2026, the department stated that minor deficiencies had been noticed and that payment would be considered after rectification. The contractor disputes this position, relying on the completion report and the absence of an earlier written defect notice.
6. The contractor claims financial loss, including borrowing costs and difficulty in paying workers and suppliers.
7. Notice received by government department: 20 July 2026.

GENERAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- ◆ The nature and extent of the rights and liabilities of the parties.
- ◆ The legal issues arising from the facts and conduct of the parties.
- ◆ The appropriate legal remedies, reliefs or demands that may be sought.
- ◆ The possible grounds of defence, objections or counter-claims available to the opposite party.

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