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THIRD PROF. V. S. MALLAR MEMORIAL

LEGAL AID COMPETITION 2024

A JOINT INITIATIVE BY

SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, PUNE

AND

**NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY,
BENGALURU**

IN COLLABORATION WITH

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

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AN ODE TO PROF. V. S. MALLAR

PROFESSOR VARADARAJA SHIVARAYA MALLAR *has made significant contributions to the field of law through his academic, administrative, and professional endeavors. His illustrious career is marked by a series of key positions, extensive international exposure, and a commitment to legal education.*



Prof. Mallar began his journey in legal academia as the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Chairman of the Board of Studies in Law at Goa University during the years 1986-1988.

National Law School of India University (NLSIU) - A Legacy of Excellence: In May 1988, Professor Mallar was selected and appointed as an Assistant Professor of Law (Senior) at the prestigious National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore. His exemplary teaching and research skills earned him a promotion to Associate Professor of Law in April 1992. By April 1997, he was appointed as Additional Professor, and in December 1997, he ascended to the position of Professor of Law and Registrar, at NLSIU. His tenure at NLSIU is marked by his dedication to nurturing young legal minds and contributing to the institution's growth.

International Engagements and Academic Contributions: Professor Mallar's academic prowess extends beyond national boundaries. In 1995, he served as a Visiting Faculty at the University of Warwick, Coventry, U.K., where he shared his expertise and engaged with the global academic community. His international engagements also include attending and delivering lectures at various international conferences in Ireland, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and the United States. Prof. Mallar's teaching and mentorship have inspired countless students to pursue successful careers in law. His academic writings and research have added valuable insights to legal scholarship. Moreover, his involvement in international conferences and lectures has helped bridge the gap between Indian and global legal systems, fostering a better understanding and cooperation among legal scholars worldwide.

ABOUT THE DIGITAL LEGAL LITERACY – DISSEMINATION AND ASSESSMENT PROJECT

Access to Justice has been recognized as an essential facet of human development. India's judicial and legal system has many strengths: excellent constitutional and legal safeguards for access to justice; well-established institutions; an independent judiciary, a vibrant voluntary sector, and an independent media.

The Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy (**CEERA**), National Law School of India University (**NLSIU**), Bengaluru has been granted a **Two-Year Project** on '**Digital Legal Literacy – Dissemination and Assessment**'. The project focuses on the dissemination of legal literacy and is being implemented in a few districts across **7 States of India** namely – *Maharashtra, Odisha, Bihar, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, and Karnataka*. The main objectives of the project include the following:

- Dissemination of Legal Literacy on a Mass level.
- Creation of an overall communication strategy including digital/social media platforms.
- Strategizing Effective and Sustainable legal awareness campaigns.
- Conceptualizing and conducting workshops and legal aid competitions event coverage and launches related to the program.
- Conceptualizing and conducting Youth Connect Workshops by planning events in colleges/schools and institutions.

OUR COORDINATORS



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ABOUT THE LEVEL AID COMPETITION, 2024

The Prof. V. S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition is a distinguished four-month event that aims to elevate holistic legal awareness, provide vital legal assistance, and inspire enthusiastic legal activism among law students throughout India.

The success of this competition's first and second editions serve as a predicament to pave the way for the third edition. This endeavour seeks to empower and enhance the voices of the student bodies nationally to deepen the impact of legal aid and nurture creative campaigns to embark upon yet another memorable journey for empowering all sections of society. In this edition, we introduce yet another significant scope of work, the Legal Assistance Lab – wherein students shall be encouraged to work with Advocates at a first-hand level and aid in the dispute resolution process.

CELEBRATING THE HAMARA SAMVIDHAN HAMARA SAMMAN

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On January 24, 2024, the Department of Justice launched a pan-India year-long campaign “HAMARA SAMVIDHAN HAMARA SAMMAN” to commemorate the **75th Year of India as a Republic**.

This has been launched to enhance awareness about the Constitution, sensitize the citizens on the shared principles of **Panch Pran**, and to educate the citizens about their rights, duties and entitlements and other legal services of the Government and various citizen-centric services provided through Common Service Centres and other partnering agencies of the DoJ.

The Campaign underscores three key themes:

Sabko Nyay-Har Ghar Nyaya – Ensuring justice for all;

Nav Bharat Nav Sankalp – Pledging for a new India, fueled by innovative ideas and renewed commitment; and

Vidhi Jagriti Abhiyaan – Promoting legal literacy and awareness through grassroots initiatives and educational endeavors.

AWARDS & PRIZES

CATEGORY	PRIZE
WINNERS - BEST LEGAL AID CLINIC	INR 25,000
FIRST RUNNERS UP - BEST LEGAL AID CLINIC	INR 20,000
SECOND RUNNERS UP - BEST LEGAL AID CLINIC	INR 15,000
BEST FACULTY COORDINATOR AWARD	INR 10,000
BEST ALL INDIA LEGAL AID CLINIC STUDENT LAWYERS	INR 10,000

THE COMPETITION SHALL COMPRISE SIX CORE DELIVERABLES

LEGAL PODCAST & FAQs	SPEED MENTORING	STREET PLAY & JAN SUNWAI
REEL MAKING	LEGAL ASSISTANCE LAB	FINAL REPORT

I. LEGAL PODCAST AND FAQs

Each participating Team shall prepare an “Access to Legal Aid and Allied Laws Podcast” that aims to spark dynamic conversations and spread crucial information about legal aid and related laws. In this Podcast series, Teams must propel compelling discussions and expert insights, seeking to elevate legal awareness, educate the public on their rights and available resources, and inspire proactive action in seeking legal help. This initiative strives to empower individuals with the knowledge and confidence to navigate the legal system effectively. Each Team must come up with 3 (three) episodes, spanning not more than 15 minutes.

Each Team must prepare 3 (three) full-length detailed Frequently Asked Questions with graphics on the topic chosen for the Podcast as well.

II. SPEED MENTORING

The Speed Mentoring Programme is a crucial aspect of the Competition, aimed at spreading legal awareness on contemporary socio-legal issues in rural and urban schools. The sessions should be tailored to current issues and are designed to be informative and impactful. Practical knowledge will be disseminated throughout these sessions, empowering participants to understand and engage with these legal issues effectively. The speed-mentoring activity will be assessed on matrices such as the extent of involvement, innovative techniques employed in creating literacy, the number of schools covered, and the expanse of legal literacy disseminated. The Teams should conduct Speed Mentoring activities in at least 8 (eight) schools throughout the Competition. 8 (eight) being the minimum, and the maximum number is upon the Teams to decide.

III. STREET PLAY & JAN SUNWAI

Each participating Team shall conduct 2 – Street Plays in the regional language on the Legal landscape to engage and educate the youth and citizens in raising legal awareness, focusing on legal activism and socio-legal issues. This initiative aims to enhance legal literacy, empower citizens, and foster a proactive approach to legal problems in rural/urban involvement, and issues targeted, amongst others. The Teams are free to choose topics of their choice for the Street Play.

- The indicative theme for a campaign under this component – *Humara Samvidham Humara Samman* a campaign by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India.

The Jan Sunwaii or Public Hearing shall be conducted for targeted groups/communities. The objective of the Jun Sunwaii is to afford a platform for free and open discussion on the social, political, and legal issues and concerns faced by the community and to identify and offer viable solutions that may address these issues. For instance: Assistance in the generation of Aadhar cards, Street vendor licenses, ration cards, BPL cards, or MSME licenses, amongst others. The Jun Sunwaii shall be evaluated on the level of mobilization,

crowd-sourcing, level of discussions, extent and quality of stakeholders involved, issues targeted & resolved, the impact of the hearing, and solutions provided.

IV. REEL MAKING

The primary objective of this event is to engage youth in raising legal awareness through the creative medium of reels, focusing on digital legal literacy and socio-legal issues. This initiative aims to enhance legal literacy, empower citizens, and foster a proactive approach to legal problems in rural and urban areas. The proposed event will be conducted over three months, with each team required to create reels on assigned topics each month. The duration of each reel can be between 1 minute and 3 minutes. The reels created must be posted on the last day of each month, on your own social media handles, in collaboration with @ceera_nlsiu & @symbiosis_lawschool's Instagram handles.

V. LEGAL ASSISTANCE LAB

The primary objective of the Litigation Assistance Lab is to actively engage law students of participating universities in providing hands-on support for legal cases, focusing on practical litigation skills and real-world legal challenges. Through this program, participants will gain valuable experience while contributing to the community's access to justice. Teams in 4 months – must work with Advocates on a few matters and understand the same. This component shall be assessed on the quality of support provided to the Advocate, which shall be attested by the Advocate's office.

VI. FINAL REPORT

Each Team will be required to submit one final report by **November 14, 2024**. The report shall include a **Cover page, Table of Contents, Names of Team members, two pages of Executive Summary**, and the **Final Report which should not exceed 8,000 words excluding footnotes, annexures, and pictures, if any**.

A video of 15 minutes depicting the activities undertaken during the Competition must be prepared and shared with the Organization Committee. The final report submitted by each participating institute shall comprise a declaration signed by the Head of the Department/Institution certifying the authenticity and originality of the work.

TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION & IMPORTANT DATES

JULY 31, 2024	RELEASE OF THE COMPETITION
AUGUST 18, 2024	LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION
AUGUST 22, 2024	LAUNCH OF THE COMPETITION, 3.00 P.M
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	SUBMISSION I: SPEED MENTORING VIDEOS, STREET PLAY/JAN SUNWAI
1. 30 TH AUGUST 2. 30 TH SEPTEMBER 3. 30 TH OCTOBER	EVERY MONTH REEL SUBMISSION
OCTOBER 30, 2024	SUBMISSION II: LEGAL PODCASTS AND FAQs, LEGAL ASSISTANCE REPORT
JULY – OCTOBER, 2024	FOUR ONLINE LEGAL AID CONCLAVES
NOVEMBER 14, 2024	SUBMISSION III: SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORT
NOVEMBER 26, 2024	ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS & FELICITATION CEREMONY

WHO CAN REGISTER FOR THE COMPETITION?

The Legal Aid Competition is open to all clubs and legal aid Clinics/committees housed in any institute. We encourage Management, Commerce institutions also to partake in this competition. NSS, NCC, Scouts Units are also encouraged to participate in this competition.

TEAM COMPOSITION

The representatives of the participating institutions for all purposes and for the entire duration of the competition shall comprise the following:

- 1 Faculty Coordinator/Advisor/NCC/NSS Officer
- 1 Student Coordinator
- Maximum of 08 other students, who will formulate the Core Team. Only Core team members will be issued with Certificates
- Other Students, whose participation may be certified by the Participating Institution

REGISTRATION FEE & REGISTRATION LINK

- The registration fee (inclusive GST) for a team is **INR 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)**.
- Institutions interested in participating in the competition may register by filling in the Google form, the link for which is attached below
- Registration link: <https://forms.gle/vEEvSEQPe77NdutFA>

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BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

DETAILS OF ACCOUNT HOLDERS

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS COMPETITION

1. All Intellectual Property generated under this competition will be jointly held by the participating institutions respectively and the organizers of the Competition-CEERA, NLSIU-DOJ.
2. Prize money in this competition shall be transferred to the respective institution's account only.
3. All participating institutions and its team members shall compulsorily attend the entire Legal Aid workshop which shall be organized during the tenure of the competition.
4. Participating institutions and its team members must follow the highest levels of professionalism, have the utmost respect of the privacy of individuals, and have the highest regard to the sensitivity of issues and towards any disclosure of the identity of individuals.
5. Participating institutions must maintain discipline and professionalism in all mediums of communication with the respective authorities.
6. NLSIU-SLS-DOJ shall not be responsible or liable for any breach of discipline or confidentiality or any other breach of UGC and other regulations if done by any team or participating member during this competition. The Participating institutions must strictly adhere to enforcing disciplinary rules at all times during the visits to the Prison, school, Legal Services authority, and at the NGO place.

**LIST OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS IN THE INAUGURAL PROF. V.S. MALLAR MEMORIAL
LEGAL AID COMPETITION, 2023**

1. University Five Year Law College, University of Rajasthan
2. V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa
3. Chanderprabhu Jain College, Delhi
4. Des Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune
5. School of Law, Presidency University, Bengaluru
6. Vikash Law School, Bargarh, Orissa
7. The National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kerala
8. Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai
9. Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur
10. Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya College of Law Bangalore
11. Arunodaya Institute of Legal Studies, Bengaluru
12. School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, Cochin
13. CMR University School of Legal Studies
14. Ramaiah College of Law
15. Bennett University, Noida
16. Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
17. Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi
18. K L E Society's Law College Bengaluru
19. Faculty of Law, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal
20. Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida
21. Mar Gregorios College of Law, Kerala
22. Sardar Patel Subharti Institute of Law, SVSU, Meerut
23. Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Punjab
24. NMIMS Kirit P. Mehta School of Law, Mumbai
25. Narayan school of law, Gopal Narayan Singh University, Bihar
26. Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli
27. JECRC University, Jaipur
28. University Law College and Department of studies in law, Bangalore University
29. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia College of Law, Bangalore.
30. Symbiosis Law School, Pune
31. Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), Hyderabad
32. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow
33. Saveetha School of Law, Chennai
34. Department of Law, Vishwakarma University, Pune
35. Manipal University Jaipur
36. JSS Law College, Mysore
37. Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru
38. IFIM Law School, Bengaluru
39. Hidayatullah National Law University
40. School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru
41. The North Cap University, Gurugram, Haryana
42. University School of Law and Legal Studies, GGSIPU
43. Hamdard Institute of Legal Studies and Research, The School of Law, Jamia Hamdard
44. Amity Kolkata
45. National Law Institute University, Bhopal
46. Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Law College Centre for Post Graduate Studies and Research in Law
47. Renaissance Law College, Indore
48. National Law University, Jodhpur
49. Raja Lakhamgouda Law College, Belagavi
50. Government Centre of Legal Education, Hooghly Mohsin College