



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, TRIPURA
CENTRE FOR TRIBAL STUDIES
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (CTSSJ)

Presents

**1ST NATIONAL PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION
(PIL) DRAFTING COMPETITION 2025**

Last Date of Registration - March 15, 2025

Last Date of Submission - April 30, 2025





ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The National Law University Tripura (NLUT) is established in 2022 by a Statute (Act No. 3 of 2022) of the State of Tripura. The foundation of the University was laid by Her Excellency Smt. Draupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India which reflects its commitment to excellence in legal education. Chief Justice of High Court of Tripura is the Chancellor of the University. The University offers a wide-ranging array of programs, including the five-year integrated B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., and Ph.D.' NLUT accepts students through Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) for admission to its B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), LL. M. programs. NLUT is committed to the creation of an ethical legal culture, which protects and promotes the rule of law and social justice. Under the guidance of its founding Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh, a team of highly qualified faculty is dedicated to make NLUT, a beacon of legal education in Northeastern region. For more information, visit www.nlutripura.ac.in.





ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Centre for Tribal Studies and Social Justice (CTJSS), has been established with a vision to secure social justice for marginalized communities across India. Recognizing the interconnected nature of social issues, the Centre stands as a beacon of hope and progress for various disadvantaged groups. At its core, the Centre is dedicated to the comprehensive study of history, culture, and social and legal challenges faced by tribal and other marginalized communities. It provides a platform for scholars and researchers to exchange knowledge, conduct in-depth studies, and generate innovative solutions to pressing social issues. The Centre's research encompasses a wide array of topics, including self-governance, social stigma, and economic disparities. A key objective is to protect marginalized communities from social injustice while promoting their inclusion in society with dignity and respect. This is achieved through academic research, policy advocacy, and community engagement.

The Centre also emphasizes empowerment and self-sufficiency, equipping marginalized groups with tools for leadership and skills. Legal rights and social inclusion form crucial pillars of the Centre's work. Through research and advocacy, it aims to safeguard constitutional rights and promote full societal participation of marginalized communities.

The Centre is also committed to preserving and promoting their rich cultural heritage. The Centre's activities extend beyond academic to include outreach programs, seminars, conferences, and workshops. Collaboration with other institutions provides a robust network dedicated to advancing social justice. By addressing historical injustices, promoting equitable development, and upholding human rights, the Centre stands as a catalyst for positive change in the ongoing struggle for equality and dignity for all.



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About the Competition

The Government of India has launched “Hamara Samvidhan – Hamara Swabhiman” campaign, which marks the 75th anniversary of India's Constitution. In addition, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, is observing Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh (JJGV) from November 2024 to November 2025 to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the revered tribal leader and freedom fighter. In alignment with 75th anniversary of India's Constitution and Bhagwan Birsa Munda’s enduring legacy, NLU Tripura’s Centre for Tribal Studies and Social Justice (CTSSJ) is delighted to organize the National Public Interest Litigation (PIL) Drafting Competition 2025, focusing on the legal challenges and issues faced by tribal communities in India.

This competition provides aspiring legal professionals with a unique platform to critically engage with Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on tribal issues. It aims to foster awareness, promote legal discourse, and advocate for the rights of underprivileged and marginalized tribal communities. Participants will not only refine their PIL drafting skills but also contribute meaningfully to the pursuit of social justice and equity for tribal communities across India.

Through this initiative, we invite law students to critically analyze tribal challenges, propose legal solutions, and become catalysts for change. By participating, you take a proactive step toward creating a more just, inclusive, and equitable society, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of those who need it most.

Themes

The participating teams are required to examine any real-life issue in relation to the given themes:

1. Environmental Justice;
2. Access to Justice for Marginalized Communities;
3. Gender Justice;
4. Indigenous Rights and Tribal Welfare;
5. Healthcare and Malnutrition Among Tribal;
6. Access to Education in Tribal Areas;
7. Safeguarding Tribal Languages and Cultural Heritage;
8. Tribal Women's Rights and Safety;



9. Ensuring Livelihood and Employment Opportunities in Tribal Region;
10. Right to Clean Drinking Water and Sanitation;
11. Illegal Acquisition of Tribal Lands;
12. Preservation of Cultural Artifacts and Identity;
13. Recognition and Protection of Tribal Customary Laws; and
14. Recognition of Tribal Festivals, Rituals, and Sacred Sites.

The participants are allowed to select a topic other than the above- mentioned suggestive themes. In that case, the topic must relate to a contemporary Tribal issues.

Eligibility

- ◆ The Competition shall be open for the students currently pursuing their Bachelor's Degree in Law i.e. 3 year LL.B. Course or 5 year LL.B Course from any recognized University/College in India.
- ◆ There is no restriction on the number of entries from any College or University.
- ◆ Cross-team participation is allowed.
- ◆ "Individual Participation" as well as "Participation in a team of two" is allowed.

Registration Process

- ◆ The participating teams should complete the registration form available at this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoO84jCr1mzBve0uEot3616p3LtJlgiAV9KvNDUK1_AqtURA/viewform
- ◆ Participants are requested to follow the provided payment instructions.
- ◆ Participants should attach a screenshot of the payment in the registration form.
- ◆ Upon successful registration, each participant or team will receive a unique team code for future reference.



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Registration Fees

Single Participation: Rs. 600/-
Participation in a team of two: Rs. 1000/-
The deadline for registration is March 15, 2025.

Payment Options and Bank Account Details

Registrar, National Law University Tripura
Account No. **50100690974022**
Bank Name: **HDFC Bank**
IFSC Code: **HDFC0006419**
Branch: **Usha Bazar**

Submission Guidelines

- ◆ Each participating team must submit one PIL draft.
- ◆ If a participating team wishes to include any annexures to support their arguments in the draft (such as reports, commentaries, news clippings, pictures, etc.), they should compile all relevant annexures into a compendium and submit it along with the memorial.
- ◆ All the PIL drafts must be submitted to the Google form latest by April 30, 2025 11:59 PM.
- ◆ Submissions made after the deadline will be subject to marks deduction.
- ◆ Any submission with any name or reference of the participants will be disqualified.
- ◆ Submitting plagiarized content will lead to disqualification; participants must ensure their work is original.
- ◆ If the drafts of two or more participants or participating teams are found to be substantially similar, both teams will be disqualified.
- ◆ Each team must submit their Plagiarism Report (Turnitin Report). The file should be named in the format Team Code PIL.

Submission Form Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aRk8cagA4eLf94rEjB7GaagGaTzvr5NyrXRYBBItabM/viewform?edit_requested=true



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Timeline

Last Date of Registration: March 15, 2025

Last Date of Submission: April 30, 2025

Tentative Month of Result Declaration: May 21, 2025

Formatting Guidelines

- ◆ All drafts must be provided in two formats: Microsoft Word Document (.doc/.docx) and PDF Format (.pdf), which means that each participant should submit two files – one in MS Word format and one in PDF format.
- ◆ The body of the submissions must be in the font “Times New Roman” with font size 12, having line spacing of 1.5 and justified. (The Font size for the Headings can be formatted as per the choice of the participants)
- ◆ The Footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, size 10, single line spacing and justified. The participants must follow ILI citation throughout their submission.

Contents of the PIL

The PIL is to be filed before the Supreme Court of India. The PIL Memorial must contain all of, and only, the following components:

1. Cover Page which should contain:
 - (a) The Unique team code in the upper right-hand corner.
 - (b) The name of the case; Table of Contents, Table of Abbreviations,
2. Index of Authorities,
3. Statement of Jurisdiction
4. Facts of the Case
5. Issue(s) Raised
6. Summary of Arguments/Pleadings
7. Arguments Advanced/Pleadings
8. Prayer
9. Table of Annexure

There is no restriction on the number of pages.



Penalties and Deduction

Breach of anonymity – Disqualification from the competition.

Late submission – 2 marks each day.

Missing or Incorrect insertion of section or provision – 2 marks each.

Missing or unnecessary information on cover page – 1 mark each.

Incorrect font style in the main body of the memorandum – 1 mark each.

Incorrect line spacing in the main body of the memorandum – 1 mark each.

Incorrect font size in the main body of the memorandum – 1 mark each

Perks and Prizes

WINNING TEAM

₹ 10,000

**Certificate of
Excellence**

RUNNER UP

₹ 7,500

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Excellence**

All the Participants will receive Certificate of Participation.

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