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**MINISTRY OF LAW &  
JUSTICE**



# AMITY LAW SCHOOL

PRO BONO CLUB PRESENTS

# AMITY NATIONAL POLICY DRAFTING COMPETITION, 2023





## **ABOUT AMITY UNIVERSITY RAJSATHAN**

Established under the Amity University Rajasthan Act of 2008, Amity University Rajasthan (AUR) stands as a shining example of educational excellence, offering programs that meet global standards across various disciplines. AUR has been recognized for its commitment to sustainability, earning a "Gold" rating from 'The Led Green Building Rating System.' In 2014, AUR ranked 6th among Private Universities in India according to The Week Hansa Research Best University Survey. Additionally, AUR was honored with the 'Best Private University in North India' award by Brands Academy Excellence in 2014. AUR stands with a baton to illuminate and guide the aspirants of all educational streams. It imparts knowledge in various domains for professional as well as sustainable development grooming students to become better global leaders with strong ethical values and integrity.

# ABOUT AMITY LAW SCHOOL



The school has been established under Amity University Rajasthan to achieve world-class legal education in the state and the country. In its constant pursuit of excellence, it is always endeavoring to create a legacy of leadership, professional acumen, and excellence.

Amity Law School (ALS), Amity University, Rajasthan, was established in the year 2008. Amity Law School, with its holistic approach to legal education, provides impetus to law students to evolve not only into legal professionals but also into responsible and socially empathetic citizens of the state.

Currently under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Saroj Bohra, the institute has a well-qualified, experienced, and dedicated team of faculty members who are committed to the cause of quality legal education. ALS is affiliated with Amity University and approved by the Bar Council of India.

The methods of teaching in the Law School include lecture discussions, case law analysis, moot court training, project assignments, and placement programs. Additionally, the school organizes seminars on contemporary legal issues, conducts clinical courses, and trains students in legal research and legal writing. By the time a student completes the program, they will be fully equipped with the required theoretical knowledge and practical experience in the field of law to become a full-fledged responsible member of the legal profession.

# ABOUT PRO BONO CLUB



Introduced under the Nyaya Bandhu Scheme, the Pro Bono Club of Amity University Rajasthan, established under the "Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India," has been conceptualized to strengthen the existing pro bono program by integrating law schools and students within its fold. The primary objective of this scheme is to improve the efficiency and quality of pro bono legal services by providing assistance to pro bono advocates through competent law students.

Under this scheme, the Pro Bono Club of Amity University Rajasthan plays a crucial role. The club acts as a facilitator, coordinating and connecting law students with pro bono advocates who require assistance. It acts as a link between the law schools and the legal fraternity, creating a collaborative environment for pro bono work. The law students who are part of the Pro Bono Club get the opportunity to work closely with pro bono advocates on various legal matters. They assist in legal research, drafting documents, preparing case summaries, and providing other necessary support to the advocates. By engaging in such activities, students gain practical exposure to the legal field and also contribute to the delivery of justice to those in need.

# ABOUT EVENT

Policy drafting and formulation are the cornerstone of any development planning process. In a democratic nation like ours, citizen participation in policy drafting is not just relevant but imperative, as it epitomizes the principle that democracy is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. To instill a culture of active engagement in policy-making, the Pro Bono Club of Amity Law School, Jaipur in collaboration with the Ministry of Law and Justice, proudly introduces the National Policy Drafting Competition. It's a pioneering initiative, the first of its kind in the university.

This competition aims to inspire and empower our youth to channel their creativity into proposing innovative solutions for both timeless and contemporary issues. It's a platform for the next generation of policy leaders to shine.

# STRUCTURE

## Amity National Policy Drafting Competition Structure

### Registration and Theme Selection:

#### Eligibility:

The competition is open to all law students enrolled in either a 5-year law program, a 3-year law program, or an LL.M. course.

- Participants must register and choose their preferred theme before the specified deadline to be eligible for participation.
- Early registration is encouraged to avoid last-minute issues.
- There is NO REGISTRATION CHARGE.
- Once a theme is selected, it cannot be changed under any circumstances.
- Each team can register for only one theme.
- Teams can consist of a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 2 participants.
- Registration will open on 18/10/2023 (Wednesday) and close on 01/11/2023 (Wednesday) at 11:59 PM IST.

**REGISTRATION LINK**-<https://forms.gle/1A7b5N6ZGSq74s5q9>



### **Submission of the Policy draft:**

- Teams are required to submit a policy statement based on their chosen theme
- Participants must adhere to the specified formatting and structural guidelines.
- The last date for seeking clarifications is 10/11/2023 (Friday).
- The policy draft must be submitted through the provided Google form, which will be shared with registered participants.
- The policy draft should be sent via email on or before 15/11/2023 (Wednesday) by 11:59 PM IST.



# GUIDELINES

The draft policy submitted should include the following components:

**Policy Title:** Provide a concise and relevant title that aligns with the content of the submission.

**Abstract:** Present a summary of the policy, highlighting its key points and objectives.

**Statement of Problem:** Offer a description of the issue or challenge that the policy aims to address.

**Definitions:** Define any uncommon or complex terms used in the policy to ensure clarity and understanding.

**Policy Statement:** Elaborate on the policy by addressing the following questions:

Identify the primary audience expected to adhere to the policy.

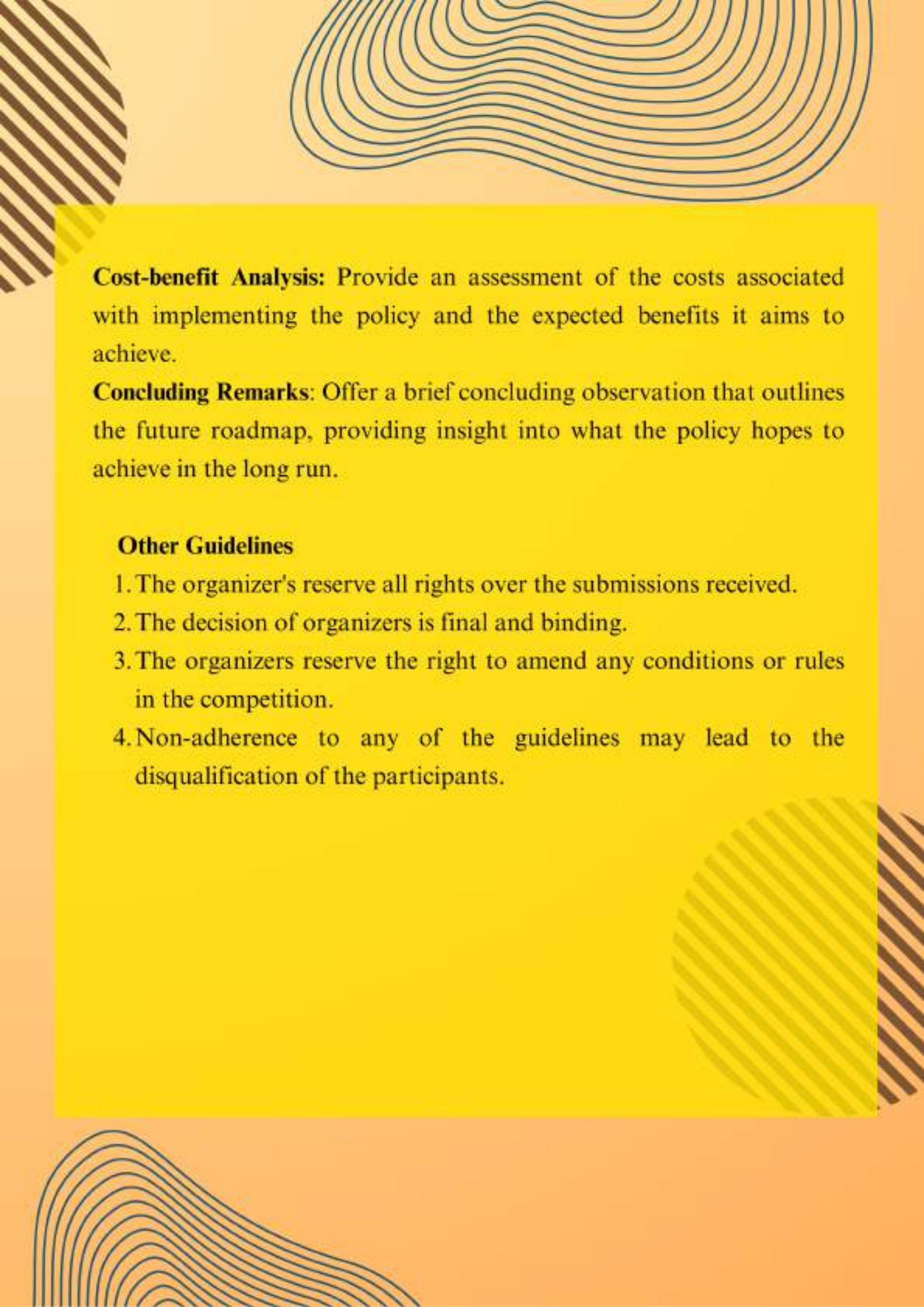
Specify the major conditions and restrictions imposed.

Explain the details regarding the applicability and inapplicability of the policy.

Outline any special situations or exclusions where the policy will not apply.

**Implementation Procedure:** Refer to the detailed procedures recommended for carrying out the policy's intent. Organize these procedures in a logical order, or list them alphabetically if no specific order is required.





**Cost-benefit Analysis:** Provide an assessment of the costs associated with implementing the policy and the expected benefits it aims to achieve.



**Concluding Remarks:** Offer a brief concluding observation that outlines the future roadmap, providing insight into what the policy hopes to achieve in the long run.

### **Other Guidelines**

1. The organizer's reserve all rights over the submissions received.
2. The decision of organizers is final and binding.
3. The organizers reserve the right to amend any conditions or rules in the competition.
4. Non-adherence to any of the guidelines may lead to the disqualification of the participants.



## **Formatting Guidelines**

- The language of the submission should be in English.
  - The font of the submission must be Times New Roman with a size 14 for the main body (size 12 in the case of footnotes).
  - Line Spacing should be 1.5 for the main body (1 for footnotes).
  - The citation format should be uniform throughout the Policy Submission.
  - The word limit of Policy Submission should be between 3000-5000 words, exclusive of footnotes.
  - The similarity is allowed up to a maximum of 10%.
  - File Format must be only in .doc/.docx format.
  - The file should not contain any details of the Participants. These details shall be mentioned in the Email while submitting the policy.
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# THEMES

**Expanding Access to Legal Aid Services:** Develop policies to expand the reach of legal aid services to remote and marginalized areas in India, ensuring that people from all regions have access to legal support.



**Technology and Legal Aid:** Explore how technology can be leveraged to improve the delivery of legal aid services, such as setting up online legal aid portals, virtual legal consultations, and mobile legal clinics.

**Capacity Building:** Focus on building the capacity of legal aid providers and pro bono lawyers through training and support programs, ensuring that they are equipped to handle the diverse legal needs of the population.

**Legal Awareness and Education:** Develop strategies for increasing legal awareness and education among the public, making them more aware of their rights and how to access legal aid.

**Reducing Barriers to Legal Aid:** Identify and address barriers that prevent vulnerable groups, such as women, children, and people with disabilities, from accessing legal aid services.

**Collaboration and Networking:** Promote collaboration between legal aid providers, pro bono lawyers, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders to create a comprehensive and efficient legal aid network.




**Pro Bono Incentives:** Create incentives for legal professionals to engage in pro bono work, such as tax benefits or professional recognition.

**Quality Assurance:** Implement mechanisms to ensure the quality of legal aid services, including monitoring, evaluation, and feedback systems.

**Community-Based Legal Aid:** Develop policies that encourage the establishment of community-based legal aid centers to provide legal support at the grassroots level.



**Legal Aid for Specific Cases:** Address the legal aid requirements for specific cases, such as those related to environmental issues, human rights violations, and consumer protection.



**Public-Private Partnerships:** Explore partnerships between the government, private sector, and civil society organizations to enhance the provision of legal aid services.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution:** Encourage the use of alternative dispute resolution methods, like mediation and arbitration, as part of the legal aid services to expedite the resolution of disputes.






**Adequate Representation in Court:** Ensure that individuals receiving legal aid have adequate representation in court, with the provision for lawyers or paralegals as necessary.

**Crisis Response Legal Aid:** Develop policies for providing legal aid during emergencies and crises, such as natural disasters, pandemics, or refugee situations.

**Uniform Civil Code:** Develop policies related to the implementation and enforcement of a Uniform Civil Code in India, addressing issues of personal laws, marriage, divorce, and inheritance across different religious and cultural groups.

**Access to Justice and AI:** Combining AI with access to justice can enhance efficiency in legal processes, such as document review, case management, and legal research. Policy initiatives may focus on regulating AI tools in the legal sector, ensuring transparency, and promoting affordability and accessibility of legal services.

**Pro Bono Services in India:** Promoting pro bono services among legal professionals can help bridge the justice gap in India. Policies could incentivize lawyers to provide free legal assistance to those in need, offer training and support, and create a framework to connect lawyers with underserved communities.



**Rights of Vulnerable Populations:** Develop policies that focus on the specific legal needs of vulnerable populations, including women, children, the elderly, LGBTQ+ individuals, and minority groups.

**Funding and Resource Allocation:** Establish clear guidelines for funding legal aid organizations, ensuring sufficient resources are allocated to support their activities.

**Dispute Redressal in India:** Effective dispute resolution mechanisms are crucial for a just society. Policies can encourage alternative dispute resolution methods like mediation and arbitration, streamline court procedures, and invest in the training and capacity building of legal professionals to expedite the resolution of cases.

## PRIZES

**First Prize: ₹7000**

**Second Prize: ₹3000**

**Third Prize: ₹2000**

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**Merit Certificates**

# TIMELINE

## **Timeline for the Amity National Policy Drafting Competition 2023**

- Registration opens: October 17, 2023 (Friday)
- Last date of registration: November 1, 2023 (Wednesday) by 11:59 PM IST
- Last date for seeking clarifications: November 10, 2023 (Friday) by 11:59 PM IST
- Policy statement submission deadline: November 15, 2023 (Wednesday) by 11:59 PM IST
- Winner Announcement: Results will be declared on November 25, 2023 (Saturday)

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/1A7b5N6ZGSq74s5q9>

Submission Link: <https://forms.gle/5ZpH388DNmgHsJdXA>

# MEET THE TEAM

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