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4th edition **PROF. V. S. MALLAR MEMORIAL LEGAL AID COMPETITION 2025-26**

THEME FOR THE COMPETITION

“FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE: LEGAL PROVISIONS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY OF WOMEN”

A Joint Initiative By

J.S.S. Law College, Autonomous, Mysuru

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Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA)

National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

In Collaboration With

Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice

Government of India

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LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 01 / 11/ 2025

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/TME15desG8y232si7>

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I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. This competition is named as The Fourth Edition Prof. V.S. Mallar Memorial Legal Aid Competition, 2025-26.
2. J.S.S. Law College, Autonomous, Mysuru (JSSLC), Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), National Law School of India University, Bangalore (NLSIU) and Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India (DOJ) shall be the Organizing Committee.
3. The Legal Aid Competition is open to all Clubs and Legal Aid Clinics/Committees housed in any institution. Participation is also encouraged from Law, Management, and Commerce institutions, as well as from NSS Units and NCC Units. The competition aims to promote interdisciplinary engagement and the spirit of legal awareness across diverse academic and social service domains.
4. Each participating institution shall, for all purposes and for the entire duration of the Competition, be represented by:
 - a. Faculty Members serving as the Faculty Coordinator(s)/Advisor(s)/NCC or NSS Officer(s), Maximum of two (2) Faculty Members;
 - b. One (1) Student Coordinator; and
 - c. A maximum of nine (09) other student members, together constituting the Core Team of not more than ten (10) students in total.
5. All the Core team members and Faculty Coordinator of the participating institution should participate in all 6 components.
6. Multiple Teams are encouraged to register from the same institution, there is no cap on the number of teams who can register from any one institution.
7. The Core Team may be supported by other legal aid volunteers from the participating institutions, whose efforts may be certified by the Participating institution, in connection with the Competition.
8. The Organizing Committee shall acknowledge and certify only the Core Team after the completion of the Competition.
9. All submissions in this entire Competition shall be via Google Form. Organizing Committee shall provide the link before the submission dates as indicated below.

9. There shall be no submission via any email or WhatsApp to any member of the Organizing Committee. **All submissions are to be made through the Google Form Only.**
10. All Intellectual property rights generated through this competition shall solely remain and attributed to CEERA, NLSIU.
11. Prize money in this competition shall be transferred to the respective Institution's official bank account only.
12. Teams 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.
13. Teams must maintain discipline and professionalism in all mediums of communication with the respective authorities and the Organizing Committee.
14. The Organizing Committee 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 visits to the prison, school, Legal Services Authority, and NGO.
15. In case of any dispute related to any component of the Competition, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final and binding.
16. Contacting the Jury members shall amount to direct disqualification from the Competition.

II. PRIZES & AWARDS

Category / Component	Prize (INR)
Winners	25,000
Runners-up	15,000
Speed Mentoring Winner	5,000
Jan Sunwaii Winner	5,000
Reel Making Winner	5,000
Legal Podcast + FAQs Winner	5,000
Poster / Story Book Winner	5,000
Best Faculty Legal Aid Coordinator	5,000
Best Student Legal Aid Coordinator	5,000

III. REGISTRATION

1. The registration fee for each participating team shall be INR 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only), inclusive of GST.
2. Institutions interested in participating in the Competition are required to complete their registration by filling out the Google Form available at the following link:
<https://forms.gle/TME15desG8y232si7>
3. Registration shall be deemed complete only upon successful payment of the registration fee and submission of the duly filled registration form. The last date for registration is November 01, 2025.
4. **Payment Details:**
 - **Account Holder Name:** JSS LAW COLLEGE MANAGEMENT
 - **Bank Name:** Karnataka Bank
 - **Branch:** Kuvempunagar, Mysuru
 - **Account Number:** 5042500120613701
 - **IFSC Code:** KARB0000504
5. A confirmation email shall be sent by the Organizing Committee at the earliest upon verification of the registration and payment, and this email shall serve as official confirmation of the team's registration.

Registration Link

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IV. THE SIX COMPONENTS & MARKS MATRIX

The entire Competition shall have 6 components and carry a cumulative score of 1000 marks. The bifurcation is listed below:

Short Videos / Reels Making	Legal Podcast & FAQs	Poster / Story Book
Speed Mentoring for PRI Members	Jan Sunwaii for PRI Members	Final Report

Competition's Marks Matrix		
Sr. No.	Deliverables	Marks
1	Short Videos / Reels Making	100
2	Legal Podcast + FAQs	100 + 100
3	Poster/ Story Book	100
4	Speed Mentoring for PRI Members	100
5	Jan Sunwaii for PRI Members	100
6	Final Report	100
Total		700
Shortlisted Teams shall Proceed to the Jury Interaction		
7	Jury Interaction***	300
Total Score		1000

***Note:

- The Jury Interaction shall take place only for the Top 10 shortlisted Teams. The Top 10 Teams shall be shortlisted based on the total score of the Components from Sr. No. 1 to 6. Only the 10 shortlisted Teams shall qualify for the Jury interaction.
- The total marks for all the Teams shall be 700 marks. The submission of all the six Components shall be in line with Serial Nos 1 to 6 as shared above in the Marks Matrix.
- "PRI Members"** means **"Panchayat Raj Institutions Members"** on the Village Level, Block or Taluk Level and District or Zilla Level.

V. TIMELINE, SUBMISSION OF COMPONENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Sr. No.	Date & Time		Particular
1	October 16, 2025; 3:30 pm		Competition Brochure Release
2	November 01, 2025; 11:59 pm		Last date for Registration
3	November 08, 2025; 03:30 pm		Inauguration of the Competition Orientation Session for Participants
4	January 05, 2026; 11:59 pm	1st Submission	1. Short Videos / Reels Making 2. Legal Podcast + FAQ
5	January 25, 2026; 11:59 pm	2nd Submission	3. Poster/Story Book
6	February 10, 2026; 11:59 pm	3rd Submission	4. Speed Mentoring for Women PRI Members 5. Jan Sunwaii for Women PRI Members
6	February 20, 2026; 11:59 pm	4th Submission	6. Final Report
7	TBA		Jury Interaction (Virtual)
8	March 07, 2026; 03:30 pm		Finale Announcement of Awards & Felicitation Ceremony

PLEASE NOTE:

1. All the time mentioned above is as per the Indian Standard Time (IST).
2. Extension requests of any kind shall not be entertained with regard to the respective submission timelines.

VI. ABOUT THE 6 COMPONENTS

1. Speed Mentoring for Women PRI Members

The Speed Mentoring component is designed to enhance legal awareness and practical understanding among **Women PRI Members** from at least five (5) Panchayats either on the Village Level, Block or Taluk Level and District or Zilla Level. It also targets women panchayat staff, ASHA workers, and other women engaged in Panchayat- level administration or welfare activities. The programme envisions creating a network of informed grassroots leaders who can identify, respond to, and prevent instances of violence and discrimination. By integrating participatory learning and community dialogue, Speed Mentoring reinforces women's agency within Panchayat governance and contributes to building an informed, equitable society. Each Team is required to conduct one Speed Mentoring session at one location.

Teams will raise awareness on themes hereinunder:

- 1.Role of National, State, and District Women's Commissions*
- 2.Role and Functions of District Protection Officers*
- 3.Role of Legal Services Authorities and Legal Aid Clinics Implementation of Women Welfare Schemes.*

2. Jan Sunwaii (Public Hearing) for Women PRI Members

The Jan Sunwaii component is designed to enable teams to organize a structured discussion on social issues and legal challenges faced by women at the Panchayat level, combined with a field-based survey to gather data and community perspectives. It shall be conducted for a target group comprising atleast five (5) **Women PRI Members**, additionally along with them, the women panchayat staff, ASHA workers, and other women associated with Panchayat-level administration or welfare initiatives may also be targeted. However, the minimum strength of the target group, including the five (5) **Women PRI Members** shall be fifteen (15) participants. Along with the Jan Sunwaii, the teams must conduct a survey by means of collecting information on the overarching theme mentioned above. Each Team is required to conduct one Jan Sunwaii session at one location.

Teams will raise awareness on theme: "Freedom from Violence: Legal Provisions for Safety and Security of Women."

3. Short Videos / Reels Making

The Short Videos / Reel Making initiative transforms digital media into a tool for social change by encouraging participants to create short, live-action reels (60–90 seconds each) on vital women's rights and protection issues. Through compelling storytelling and relatable visuals.

Teams will raise awareness on themes hereinunder:

1. *Child Marriage Prohibition and Sexual Assault*
2. *Acid Attack, Support and Legal Remedies for Survivors*
3. *Dowry Prohibition and Dowry Harassment Cases*
4. *Human Trafficking – Women and Children*
5. *Teams may also produce one reel on a topic of their choice in a regional language, focusing on a local issue related to the central theme.*

The component prohibits the use of AI-generated, CGI, or animated content, thereby emphasizing on authentic, human-centered creativity. Designed to engage young audiences across digital platforms, this initiative harnesses the power of social media for legal literacy and behavioral change.

4. Legal Podcast & FAQ Drafting

The Legal Podcast and FAQ Drafting initiative empowers participants to creatively disseminate legal literacy and promote women's rights through audio storytelling and accessible learning materials. Teams will produce a series of three research-based podcasts, integrating expert insights, experiences, and practical legal guidance. Each podcast will be supported by Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document featuring simplified explanations, visuals, and key takeaways to enhance public understanding. The teams shall make a reel on each of the themes provided.

Teams will raise awareness on themes hereinunder:

1. *Honour Killing, Protection Measures*
2. *Pregnancy Related Violence – Abortion, Surrogacy, Forced Sterilization, Intimate Partner Violence, Female Foeticide, Prenatal Gender Screening, Etc.*
3. *Health & Hygiene of Women – Menstrual Health, Sanitation Schemes, Etc.*
4. *Gender Based Violence, Domestic Violence Act.*
5. *Teams may choose to focus on a single theme or cover multiple themes, ensuring consistency between the Podcasts and FAQ content.*

5. Poster / Story Book

The Poster / Story Book initiative bridges creativity and legal awareness by transforming complex socio-legal issues into engaging visual narratives. Participants may choose to design a series of posters or craft an illustrated short storybook, focusing on women's rights. Each team will produce either three (3) posters or one storybook of five (5) to ten (10) pages. At least one poster must be in a regional language to ensure public accessibility. By combining creative expression with legal knowledge, this component seeks to engage participants in impactful communication suitable for semi-urban and rural communities.

Teams will raise awareness on themes hereinunder:

- 1. Property and Inheritance Rights of Women*
- 2. Victim Compensation Schemes*
- 3. Cyber Crimes Against Women – Cyber Safety, Stalking, Digital Arrest, Digital Hygiene, Bullying, Financial Fraud, Social Media Security, etc.*
- 4. FIR, Police Complaints, Zero FIR*

6. Final Report Submission

The Final Report Submission represents the culmination of all activities under the competition, compiling research, outreach, creative outputs, and reflections into a comprehensive institutional report. It captures the collective learning and community impact achieved through the five components, accompanied by an executive summary, documentation of field activities, photographs, and testimonials. The report will also include a 4 – 5 minutes short testimonial video encapsulating the team's experiences, insights, and takeaways from the initiative. The Final Report should not exceed 7,500 words (including footnotes) but excluding annexures & pictures.

The Final Report annexures include all supporting documents and declarations that validate the work, intended for inclusion in the report PDF, are as follows:

- 1. Declaration Form signed by Head of Department & Faculty Coordinator, certifying authenticity and originality of the report.*
- 2. Declaration of a document signed by Faculty Coordinator confirming the non-use of AI tools.*
- 3. Acknowledgement for Open-Source Material signed by Faculty Coordinator.*

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