



**DHARMASHASTRA NATIONAL LAW
UNIVERSITY, JABALPUR**



**CENTRE FOR EQUALITY, MINORITY
PARTICIPATION,
CHILDREN'S & WOMEN'S RIGHT**

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**NATIONAL POLICY MAKING
COMPETITION, 2024**

About The University

Located in the heart of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, Dharmashastra National Law University (DNLU) stands as a beacon of legal education since 2018, blending tradition with modernity. Established with the vision to nurture legal professionals with a deep understanding of law and justice, DNLU is dedicated to academic excellence, research, and holistic student development. DNLU's motto "Satyam Vad Dham Char" derived from the Taittiriya Upanishad, means "speak the truth and practice conduct in accordance with dharma." It underscores the importance of truth and integrity in the legal field.

At DNLU, students learn under the guidance of experienced and renowned faculty members. Our educators bring a wealth of knowledge from diverse fields of law, ensuring that students receive a balanced blend of theoretical and practical insights.

DNLU is home to several specialized research centers, including the Centre for Equality, Minority Participation, Children's & Women's Rights (EMPOWER), focusing on significant contemporary legal and societal issues. Students have the opportunity to engage in meaningful research projects, contributing to policy-making and legal reforms. DNLU maintains close ties with the legal fraternity, including law firms, judiciary, and corporate houses, providing students with invaluable exposure through internships and placement opportunities. Our robust alumni network ensures continued mentorship and support for career advancement.

DNLU is more than just a university; it's a community that values diversity, inclusion, and excellence. Our vision is to impart and disseminate knowledge of the law and promote a culture of research that develops and advances legal education.

About The Centre

The Centre for Equality, Minority Participation, Children's & Women's Rights (EMPOWER) is established at Dharmasastra National Law University, Jabalpur. The Centre is dedicated to promoting fairness and equal opportunities for all, with a special focus on minorities, children and women.

It works towards creating an inclusive society by protecting the rights of minorities and encouraging active participation in all spheres of social, political, and economic activities. It advocates for various reforms so that the minorities are not only represented but also empowered to make decisions that affect their lives.

The focus of the centre is the protection of children's rights, including the access to education, abolition of child labour, and other issues of child health care. Overall, the idea of this centre is to create a society where children are allowed to grow free from exploitation, cared for, and protected in their development toward becoming responsible adults.

In terms of women's rights, the centre promotes equality for women as well as removes the barriers that stop them from realizing their fullest potential. This includes tackling issues like gender-based violence, workplace discrimination, and unequal access to education and healthcare.

Overall, by focusing on these areas, the centre aims to create a just and equitable society where the rights of all individuals, particularly the vulnerable and underrepresented ones are upheld.

About The Competition

Policy making requires collaboration, creativity, and a deep commitment to social justice that is more equitable. The Centre for Equality, Minority Participation, Children's & Women's Rights (EMPOWER) at Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur is organizing **RANNEETI, National policy making competition, 2024**. The competition offers a platform to legal intellectuals to showcase their skills in policy making that will foster a deeper understanding of governance. Ranneeti invites individuals to contribute their voices and visions that empower the minorities, children and women. The competition will be conducted in an **online mode**.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Students currently pursuing 3-year or 5-year LLB courses.
- Students pursuing a Master's degree in law.
- Each participating team shall comprise a minimum of 2 members and maximum of 3 members

Themes:

- **Legalization of Prostitution:** Addressing Rights, Safety, and Social Implications.
- **Reevaluating the Age of Consent**
- **Gender and Religious Dress Codes:** Legalization or Banning in Public and Institutional Spaces.
- **Criminalization of Marital Rape**
- **Addressing Online Harassment and Revenge Porn:** Policies to Combat Cyber Exploitation and Protect Victims .

PRELIMINARY ROUND:

The judges, after a thorough screening process, shall select the abstracts from the preliminary round. The abstracts must be based on any one of the themes given above. After the selection of abstracts, the chosen participants shall be invited to proceed to the FINAL ROUND of the competition.

Guidelines for Abstract Submission:

Word Limit for the abstract is 400-450 Words.

While drafting the abstract, participants are encouraged to keep the following points in mind to ensure a well-rounded and comprehensive submission:

- Theme of the policy
- Objective of the policy
- Scope of the policy
- A brief modus operandi of the policy
- Legal validity of the policy
- Expected outcome of the policy
- Contemporary relevance of the policy

FINAL ROUND:

In this round, each participant will deliver a presentation before the esteemed panel of judges. Each participant will be allotted a maximum of 15 minutes to present their ideas, followed by 5 minutes of question and answer round. Each participant will first provide a brief explanation of their policy, followed by a detailed Policy Impact Assessment (PIA). Policy Impact Assessment seeks to inform decision-makers by predicting and evaluating the potential impacts of the policy. The participants can deploy empirical or doctrinal research methodology to explain the judges, the need of their respective policies.

Submission Guidelines

- The document must be submitted in PDF format and should be saved as the team code allotted to the participants
- The text must be in Time New Roman font.
- The font size for the text should be 12 while the footnotes should be in size 10.
- There should be a one-inch margin on all sides of the document.
- The main text should have 1.5 line spacing, whereas the footnotes should be single-spaced.
- The citation format to be followed is the 20th edition of the Bluebook.
- Word limit: 2000 - 4000
- The text must be justified in alignment.

Other Guidelines:

- All submissions must be original and unpublished work of the author/s and should not have been submitted, accepted or published elsewhere.
- The language for the competition will be English.
- Participants may register individually or in a team.
- The team may comprise minimum two and maximum three participants.
- The Policy Paper should not reveal the identity of participants, in any manner whatsoever.
- The content of the Policy Paper must be original and free of plagiarism, with a maximum permissible similarity index of 15%. Any violation of this requirement will result in disqualification.
- Teams are requested to send their soft-copies on or before the provided date.
- Clarifications shall be sent to e-mail id with the subject "Clarifications for Policy Making Competition".
- Co-authorship of entries among individuals from the same or different institutions are allowed. Multiple entries by the same authors are not allowed.

PRIZES

- First Prize “Best Policy” : Rs 5000 + Certificate of Merit.
- Second Prize : Rs 3000 + Certificate of Merit.
- Third Prize : Rs 2000 + Certificate of Merit.
- Top 5 policies following the Top 3 Policies will be given a Certificate of Excellence.
- *The top three policy papers will be published on the official website of the Centre for Equality, Minority Participation, Children’s & Women’s Rights, DNLU.*
- All the participants will receive an E-certificate acknowledging their participation in the event.

Important Dates:

Registration Begins - 16th October, 2024

Registration Ends - 6th November, 2024

Last date for Abstract Submission - 13th November, 2024

Result of Preliminary Rounds - 17th November, 2024

Final Round - 27th November, 2024

REGISTRATION

- The Interested students shall register themselves for the competition before 06 November 2024 , 11.59 PM.
- Link for the [Registration Form](#)
- The Registration fees for the Competition are as follows:

Single Author: Rs 400

Co- Author: Rs 550

For DNLU students:

Single Author: Rs 250

Co- Author: Rs 400

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