CONTINUOUS LEGAL EDUCATION PROJECT
AT
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF STUDY AND RESEARCH IN LAW, RANCHI

**Continuous Legal Education (CLE) Program – Notification of onboarding the Candidates**

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for Continuous Legal Education (CLE) Program under the Project on Undertrial Prisoners and Continuous Legal Education, NUSRL Ranchi. The Program features training-cum-workshop on par with Judicial Academies, mentorship by senior advocates and academicians to enhance research, drafting, communication and advocacy skills, awareness and issues regarding Jharkhand specific laws, and opportunities for networking and professional growth, along with a certificate of completion or participation to those candidates who clear the written test at the end of the Program.

This six months Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program will equip young lawyers with advanced litigation skills and mentorship, bridging critical gaps in legal practice. The initiative will conduct a district court survey to assess caseload trends. By combining direct intervention, professional development, and systemic reforms, NUSRL aims to advance justice accessibility, foster legal empowerment, and create lasting impact for marginalized communities in Jharkhand.

## About NUSRL Ranchi

National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi, was established in 2010 through an Act of the Jharkhand State Legislature with the vision to promote excellence in legal education and research. The University has subsequently been recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC) u/s 22 of the UGC Act of 1956 and also approved U/s 12B by Bar Council of India. The University since its inception in the year 2010 has continuously endeavoured towards thriving excellence and producing bright minds in the legal and other associated arenas. Nestled in the serene environment of Ranchi, NUSRL aims to combine traditional legal knowledge with modern approaches to meet the growing complexities of society and governance. Hon’ble Governor of Jharkhand, is the Rector of NUSRL, Ranchi. Hon'ble The Chief Justice High Court of Jharkhand, Ranchi is the Chancellor and Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil is the Vice-Chancellor of the University. The vision of the university is to emerge as a globally recognized hub of excellence in legal education and research, fostering interdisciplinary innovation, upholding constitutional values, and nurturing leaders who contribute to justice, equality, and sustainable development in India and the world.

***Mission:*** To nurture a generation of legal professionals, scholars, and leaders through excellence in education, interdisciplinary research, and community engagement, equipping them to uphold constitutional values and address the challenges of a globalized and technology-driven world.

***Objects of the University:***

(i) To advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and Conduct or Commission research with a view to promote the proper role of law in national development;

(ii) To develop in the student and research scholar a sense of responsibility to society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, judicial and other legal services, legislation, law reforms and the like; training to judicial officers and others who are involved in the administration of Justice;

(iii) To impart training and to conduct refresher courses for law teachers, judicial officers, advocates and other persons engaged or interested in legal field;

(iv) To organize lectures, seminars, symposia and conferences on topics of legal interest;

(v) To promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal processes efficient instruments of social development;

(vi) To hold examinations and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions and to do all such things as are identical, necessary or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objects of the University.

## Program Structure

1. The CLE Program will be conducted in **five batches** over a period of **three years**.
2. Application are being invited currently for the 1st Batch **commencing from February, 2026.**
3. Each participant must attend **four training phases** within six months period; each phase consists of **three residential training days**.
4. The program is fully residential. All participants are required to reside in the residential arrangement made by the University for the entire duration of each training phase.
5. **100% attendance** during each training phase is mandatory.
6. Any absence, except on medical grounds supported by proof, may lead to **disqualification**.
7. A certificate will be awarded only upon **successful completion** of all mandatory training phases and after clearing the written test at the end of the Program.
8. Participants must strictly adhere to the university's code of conduct and maintain professional discipline throughout the Program.
9. Any misconduct may lead to immediate removal from the Program.

10. Seats allotted under the CLE program are **non-transferable**. No substitution of candidates will be permitted after selection.
11. The University reserves the right to revise the schedule, modify program content, or cancel the program under unavoidable circumstances.

## Responsibilities of the Candidates

1. Candidates are expected to actively engage in all sessions, workshops, group activities, and assessments conducted as part of the CLE program.
2. Participants must follow campus regulations during the Program.
3. Candidates must report on the designated date and time for each training Phase. Late reporting may impact participation and certification.
4. Participants must complete any module-based assignments, practical tasks, or field exercises assigned by the resource persons.
5. Since participation includes lawyers from all 24 districts, each candidate represents their district and is expected to maintain decorum and demonstrate professional integrity.
6. Participants must maintain confidentiality regarding case discussions, peer interactions, and any sensitive materials shared during training.

## Eligibility Criteria

1. **Age & Experience:** Young lawyers with **0–5 years** of practice (Enrolment after 2020) are eligible.
2. **Enrolment:** Must be enrolled with the **Jharkhand State Bar Council** or any other State Bar Councils in India.
3. **District Representation:** Applicants from all **24 districts of Jharkhand** are eligible; selection will ensure district-wise representation.
4. **Marginalised Community Representation:** Priority will be given to candidates belonging to marginalised groups.
5. **Commitment to Attend:** Applicant must undertake to attend **all four training phases** and comply with the residential requirement.

**Selection Process**

1. **Application Screening:** All applications received by the deadline will be screened for completeness and eligibility.
2. **District-Based Shortlisting:** Shortlisting will ensure fair representation from all 24 districts.
3. **Preference Parameters:** Weightage may be given to:
   - **i.** Legal aid experience
   - **ii.** Involvement with district legal services authorities
   - **iii.** Representation from marginalised communities
   - **iv.** Demonstrated interest in public service and access-to-justice initiatives

## Final Selection of Candidates

1. The final list will be approved by the **University in coordination with JHALSA and respective DLSA**.
2. Selected candidates will receive an email regarding their selection.

## Waiting List

1. A limited waiting list will be maintained to fill seats in case of non-confirmation or withdrawal.

## Application Process

1. **Online Application:** Interested candidates must apply by **filling the application form** attached with this document and **sending its scanned copy through email to apf@nusrlranchi.ac.in**.
2. **Required Supporting Documents:**
   - i. Aadhar
   - ii. Enrolment certificate
   - iii. Caste / community certificate (if applicable)
   - iv. Experience certificates or supporting documents (if any)
3. **Submission Deadline:** Applications must be submitted on or before **15th January 2026**. Late submissions will not be considered.
4. **Confirmation of Participation:** Selected candidates must confirm participation on or before 27th of January 2026; failure to confirm may result in allotment of the seat to a waitlisted candidate.

5. **Program Fee:** The Program will be conducted free of cost, however, the selected candidates shall bear their respective travel expense.

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