PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK AND RULES · NATIONAL EDITION 2026

Right to Writ

In Public Interest 2026

A REAL-COURT TRAINING PROGRAMME IN WRIT DRAFTING

Before you begin

Every law student studies the writ, yet very few ever draft one that is actually filed. **Right to Writ takes you along the very path a practising lawyer walks, from the first Representation to the courtroom.** This Handbook contains the Rules of the programme and the practical information you will need at each stage. Please read it once from beginning to end, and keep it open as you work through each stage.

The Rules are binding on every participant. They are to be read together with the Student Guide, the Frequently Asked Questions on www.lexfinis.org, the LexFinis templates on Lejit.ai, and every clarification or circular published on the portal. If there is any inconsistency, the latest notice on the portal will prevail.

Many of you will be drafting a Representation or a Writ Petition for the first time. That is expected. No prior moot court, litigation or drafting experience is required, and the free training prepares you for every stage.

The programme at a glance

What it is	A national Real-Court Training Programme in writ drafting, culminating in the National Writ Drafting Competition. It is not a moot court.
Who may join	Students of all years of the three-year and five-year LL.B. programmes in any recognised institution in India. Entries are individual.
Training	Free and online: three training videos by an Advocate-on-Record of the Supreme Court of India, on the LMS student portal.
Contribution	₹1,199, payable only to enter the competition, towards your Sector Skill Council certification. Paid through Razorpay.
What you draft	A Representation to the authority concerned and, if shortlisted, a Writ Petition, using the tools of Lejit.ai.
Rounds	First round: Representations screened, 50 students shortlisted. Second round: the Writ Petition.
The outcome	A petition found legally maintainable is vetted by the expert panel and filed before the High Court or the Supreme Court.
Prize pool	₹10,00,000, with a Certificate of Participation carrying the authority of MEPSC.
Registration closes	2 December 2026

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1. Administration

1.1 Right to Writ – In Public Interest 2026 (the "Programme") is organised and administered by LexFinis Foundation, a not-for-profit legal finishing school in New Delhi, registered with NITI Aayog (Darpan ID DL/2026/0994787).

1.2 LexFinis Foundation is the Industry Training Partner (Legal Sector) of MEPSC, a Sector Skill Council under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The Programme is conducted in collaboration with Solicitorsindia Law Offices with Lejit.ai as AI Partner.

1.3 The Programme is held under the Chief Patronship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kurian Joseph, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

1.4 Registration, the training and the contribution take place on the LMS student portal at www.lexfinis.org. Research, drafting and submission take place on the Lejit platform, through the LMS portal and the Student Dashboard.

1.5 All information is published on the Student Dashboard and sent to the email address given at registration. Please use an email address you check every day.

1.6 The official addresses for all correspondence are contact@lexfinis.org and ceo@lexfinis.org.

2. Definitions

In this Handbook, unless the context requires otherwise:

2.1 **"Foundation"** means LexFinis Foundation, New Delhi.

2.2 **"Programme"** means Right to Writ – In Public Interest 2026, including the training and the National Writ Drafting Competition.

2.3 **"Participant"** means a law student who has registered on the portal and, for the competition, has made the contribution.

2.4 **"Student ID"** means the unique ID created when you register, shown on your Student Dashboard.

2.5 **"Entry"** means the Representation and, where applicable, the Writ Petition submitted by a Participant.

2.6 **"Issue"** means the issue of public importance that the Participant identifies and sets out in the Representation.

2.7 **"Representation"** means the written representation addressed to the appropriate government body or statutory authority under Rule 10.

2.8 **"Writ Petition"** means the petition drafted under Article 32, 226 or 227 of the Constitution of India under Rule 11.

2.9 **"Drafting window"** means the period of 10 days that begins when the Participant clicks Start Drafting.

2.10 **"Dashboard"** means the Participant's Student Dashboard on the LMS portal at www.lexfinis.org.

2.11 These Rules are inclusive and not exhaustive. The decision of the Foundation on any dispute or doubt is final and binding.

3. Nature and Object of the Programme

3.1 This is not a moot court and it is not a simulation. A moot is argued on an imaginary problem before a mock bench. Here, each Participant works on a real issue of public importance of their own choosing.

3.2 The object of the Programme is that a law student, before leaving college, should learn how a petition is actually researched, drafted, filed and presented in court, and should learn it on a cause that matters.

3.3 Training comes before drafting. The training is free and available from the moment you register, so that every Participant drafts with knowledge.

3.4 A Writ Petition found legally maintainable is vetted by the expert panel and filed before the High Court or the Supreme Court, as the case requires. The Participant may appear in person or brief counsel of their choice.

4. Eligibility

4.1 Students of all years of the LL.B. programmes, three-year and five-year, in any recognised institution in India are eligible. You do not have to be in your final year.

4.2 Each student registers individually. Team entries are not permitted, and every prize is awarded to the individual Participant.

4.3 You do not need your college to nominate or shortlist you, and there is no limit on the number of students from one institution. Your college may share the circular with you, but its nomination is not required.

4.4 Each Participant may make only one Entry: one Representation and, if shortlisted, one Writ Petition.

5. Registration and the Contribution

5.1 Registration is done only on www.lexfinis.org, through the poster that pops up on the home page, or by clicking Apply here for Right to Writ Competition 2026 in the top menu and then Register Now. **Registration closes on 2 December 2026.** Register early, so that you have enough time to complete the training before you draft.

5.2 Registration, the training, mentoring and placement support are **completely free of cost**.

5.3 A contribution of **₹1,199** (Rupees One Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-Nine only) is payable only if you wish to enter the competition for the prizes and recognition. It is a contribution towards the **Sector Skill Council certification**, and no part of it is applied to any commercial purpose.

5.4 The contribution is paid online through your Student Dashboard, securely through Razorpay. Once your payment is verified, the Payment Status on your Dashboard changes to Confirmed, and the competition is unlocked for you.

5.5 The contribution is not refundable as a matter of course, because it goes towards the Sector Skill Council certification. If you wish to withdraw and seek a refund, you may write to us by email setting out cogent reasons, and your request will be considered on that basis.

5.6 Each Participant must complete their profile with a photograph and the identity verification requested on the portal.

6. Student ID and Anonymity

6.1 Your Student ID is created when you register and appears on your Student Dashboard.

6.2 The Representation and the Writ Petition, as submitted for evaluation, should identify you only by your Student ID, and must not disclose your college or any faculty member anywhere in the text, headers, footers or footnotes.

6.3 Rule 6.2 does not apply to the copy of the Representation actually sent to the authority, or to the final petition prepared for filing, both of which bear your own name.

7. Structure of the Competition

Stage	What happens
Training	You watch the free training videos in Learning Resources, at your own pace.
Representation	You identify an issue of public importance and draft a Representation to the authority concerned, either for a client or, where there is none, in your own name as a party in person.
First round	Representations are screened and evaluated, and 50 students are shortlisted.
Writ Petition	The shortlisted students draft the Writ Petition once the period prescribed in the Representation has expired. This is the second round.
Filing and the Court	A petition found legally maintainable is vetted by the expert panel and filed before the High Court or the Supreme Court.

7.1 A Participant moves from one stage to the next only on selection. Fifty students are shortlisted from the first round to draft the Writ Petition.

7.2 There is one State winner for each State, decided after the second round, which is the Writ Petition drafting stage.

7.3 The dates for each stage of the programme are set out in the Student Guide and announced on the portal.

8. The Training Programme

8.1 The training is free and online. As soon as you register, you get access to the training videos on strategic drafting by an Advocate-on-Record of the Supreme Court of India on the LMS student portal, along with templates and drafts of writ petitions filed in the Supreme Court.

8.2 There are no live sessions to attend. The training videos are already uploaded on the portal, so you can learn at your own pace, at any time, from anywhere.

8.3 The training covers legal research and drafting, the responsible use of artificial intelligence tools, and the presentation of a case before the Court. The Certificate of Participation is issued on completing the training, and we strongly recommend that you complete it before you begin drafting.

8.4 Participants whose Writ Petitions are found ready for filing receive a further training on filing before the High Court or the Supreme Court, the procedure in the Registry and the listing of the matter.

8.5 Participants also have the benefit of mentorship from the Advisory Board of Designated Senior Advocates and access to a network of Advocates-on-Record of the Supreme Court of India.

9. The Issue

9.1 Each Entry must be built on one live issue of public importance that discloses a real constitutional wrong, or a real failure of statutory duty, which the courts have not yet conclusively addressed. You may choose any issue and any respondent authority. The Issue must satisfy the following three tests.

Test	What it requires
Live	The wrong is continuing or imminent, not over or merely academic. An identifiable person, class of persons or public interest is presently affected.

Test	What it requires
Unsettled	The point has not been conclusively decided by the Supreme Court of India or by the High Court of the jurisdiction concerned. A pending matter is not a bar, but it must be disclosed.
Remediable	A writ court can grant a workable remedy, such as a direction, a mandamus, a quashing, a time-bound compliance or an audit.

9.2 The Issue is not submitted separately. It is set out in the Representation and assessed from it, for its legal validity and legal creativity, against the latest judgments of the Supreme Court and the High Courts and the laws and policies in force.

9.3 Before you draft, use Legal Research on Lejit.ai, and your own reading of the primary sources, to confirm that your Issue has not already been settled by the Supreme Court or a High Court.

9.4 Two or more Participants may independently choose the same subject area. Each Entry is evaluated on its own.

What does not qualify

- A purely private dispute, such as a personal service matter, a contractual claim, a family dispute, a landlord and tenant matter or the recovery of money.
- An issue already conclusively decided by a High Court or the Supreme Court, unless you identify, and say expressly, a genuinely distinct facet that has not been addressed.
- A matter that is sub judice between you and the proposed respondent.
- A demand for legislation in the abstract, without any identifiable constitutional or statutory duty already owed.
- An issue that cannot be supported by any material, such as speculation, rumour or unverified social media content.
- An issue framed to target an individual, a community or an institution, rather than to secure a public remedy.

Illustrative subject areas

The following examples show the kind of issue that works well. You are free to choose any other cause, and legal creativity is rewarded.

- Non-implementation of accessibility standards for persons with disabilities in public buildings, transport or court complexes.
- The absence or non-functioning of statutory committees and grievance mechanisms at the district or institutional level.
- Gaps in the framing of rules under a parent statute, which leave a statutory right unenforceable in practice.
- Non-compliance with environmental clearance conditions, waste management rules or noise standards in a defined locality.
- Conditions in shelter homes, observation homes or old age homes, or in the provision of statutory legal aid.
- Denial of, or delay in, a statutory entitlement such as a pension, scholarship, maintenance or compensation scheme.

A worked example: how an issue becomes a petition

The gap. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the rules under it require public buildings to meet accessibility standards. In a given district, the court complex, the sub-divisional office and three government dispensaries have no ramp of the prescribed gradient, no accessible toilet and no working lift, and no accessibility audit appears to have been carried out.

Why it qualifies. Persons with disabilities in the district cannot presently reach a court or a dispensary without assistance; the specific failure in that district has not been adjudicated; and a writ court can direct an audit and a time-bound compliance schedule.

The Representation. Addressed to the District Magistrate and the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, setting out the facts, the statutory duty, the specific failures with dates and photographs, and a request for an audit and a compliance schedule within a stated period.

The Writ Petition. Once that period has expired, a petition under Article 226 before the High Court seeking a writ of mandamus directing an audit and time-bound rectification. The unanswered Representation forms part of the cause of action and is annexed.

This example illustrates method, not merit. You must independently verify every provision and authority you rely on.

10. Stage I: The Representation

10.1 The Representation is a formal written communication to the government body, statutory authority or public officer competent to redress the Issue. It is the first step a practising lawyer takes before approaching the Court and, if it goes unanswered, forms part of the cause of action for the Writ Petition. You may make it for a client or, where there is none, in your own name as a party in person.

10.2 The Representation must not exceed three (3) pages, excluding annexures, and must be drafted on Lejit.ai using the template "LexFinis – Representation to a Government Body".

10.3 The Representation must contain the following, in this order:

- **(a)** Student ID and date;
- **(b)** Addressee: the designation, department and full official address of the authority concerned;
- **(c)** Subject: one sentence stating the grievance and the relief sought;
- **(d)** Reference: the statutory provision, rule, scheme, circular or judgment under which the duty arises;
- **(e)** Who makes the Representation, and in what capacity;
- **(f)** Statement of facts: numbered paragraphs, in chronological order, each fact capable of being supported;
- **(g)** The duty and its breach: the provision, what it requires, and how it has not been complied with;
- **(h)** Material relied upon: documents, photographs, RTI replies, official data and media reports, with an index;
- **(i)** Prayer: specific, workable and time-bound requests, including the period within which action is sought; and
- **(j)** Signature block, with the list of annexures.

10.4 You must actually send the Representation to the addressee and keep proof of dispatch, such as a postal receipt, an email acknowledgement or an online grievance number. You will need to annex it to your Writ Petition.

10.5 The Representation is submitted on the Lejit platform within your drafting window, under Rule 13.

11. Round 2: The Writ Petition

11.1 The fifty shortlisted students draft the Writ Petition once the period prescribed in the Representation has expired.

11.2 The Writ Petition must be drafted under Article 32 (before the Supreme Court of India), or under Article 226 or Article 227 (before the High Court of the concerned jurisdiction). The choice of forum must be justified in the petition itself.

11.3 The Writ Petition must not exceed sixteen (16) pages, excluding the cover page, index and annexures. It must be fit to be filed, and must be drafted on Lejit.ai using the LexFinis writ petition template.

11.4 The Writ Petition must contain the following, in this order:

- **(a)** Cover page: the Court, the Article invoked, space for the petition number, the cause title and your Student ID;
- **(b)** Index, with page numbers;
- **(c)** Synopsis and List of Dates;
- **(d)** Cause title and memo of parties, with full descriptions and addresses;
- **(e)** Statement of jurisdiction: why this Court, under which Article, and why any alternative remedy is not efficacious;
- **(f)** Statement of facts: numbered paragraphs, each linked to an annexure where applicable;
- **(g)** Grounds: lettered (A), (B), (C), each a self-contained proposition of law applied to the facts and supported by authority;
- **(h)** Locus standi and public interest, and the absence of personal gain;
- **(i)** Declaration as to alternative remedy, delay and laches, and any pending proceedings on the same subject;
- **(j)** Prayer: the writs and directions sought, numbered, precise and capable of being complied with;
- **(k)** Interim relief, if sought, stated separately with the reason for urgency;
- **(l)** Affidavit in support, in the prescribed form;
- **(m)** Annexures, marked P-1, P-2 and so on, including the Representation and the proof of its dispatch; and
- **(n)** Court fee and filing details, as applicable to the forum.

11.5 The templates and drafts of writ petitions in Learning Resources are supplied only as models of form, structure and language. Reproducing their substance is plagiarism under Rule 14.

12. Formatting Requirements

12.1 Both the Representation and the Writ Petition must comply with the following requirements. Departures are penalised under Rule 17.

Requirement	Specification
Paper size	A4, portrait
Margins	1 inch (2.54 cm) on all four sides
Body text	Times New Roman, 14 pt; 1.5 line spacing; justified
Headings	Times New Roman 14 pt bold, upper case; sub-headings 14 pt bold, sentence case
Footnotes	Times New Roman 10 pt, single spacing; citations only

Requirement	Specification
Page numbers	Bottom centre, consecutive from the first page of the text
Numbering	Paragraphs in sequential Arabic numerals; grounds lettered (A), (B), (C)
Citation style	Bluebook (21st edition) or OSCOLA (4th edition), used consistently
Language	English only
Annexures	Legible, serially marked and indexed; not counted in the page limit
Not permitted	Decorative borders, watermarks, logos, photographs in the body, coloured text, and any mark identifying your institution

13. Submission Protocol

13.1 All submissions are made **only on the Lejit platform**, through the LMS portal and your Student Dashboard, using the Submit to competition button. Submissions by email, post or any other means are not accepted.

13.2 Read the Guidelines on your Dashboard first. When you click **Start Drafting**, a guided walkthrough of the Lejit AI tools opens, and your **10-day drafting window** begins at once. You must submit within it, so click Start Drafting only when you are ready.

13.3 Until the deadline, you can unsubmit, edit and resubmit your draft. Review your draft in My Documents on Lejit.ai before you submit.

13.4 Late or incomplete Entries are not accepted. Please submit well before your window closes; a connectivity failure is not a ground for extension.

14. Originality, Plagiarism and the Use of AI

14.1 Every submission must be your own original work, prepared for this Programme alone.

14.2 Quotation from statutes, rules and judgments is expected and is not plagiarism, provided it is clearly marked and properly cited.

14.3 Every submission is screened for similarity, calculated on the total word count excluding properly cited quotations, statutory extracts and the standard formal parts of a petition.

Similarity found	Consequence
Up to 10%	No penalty
Above 10% and up to 15%	Deduction of 5 marks
Above 15% and up to 20%	Deduction of 10 marks
Above 20%	Disqualification
Reproduction from the templates or drafts in Learning Resources	Disqualification

14.4 The responsible use of AI is part of the training. The tools of our AI partner, Lejit.ai, are mandatory, and you may also use other AI tools for preparing your content.

14.5 The work you submit must be your own. AI is a tool for research and drafting, and the evaluation looks at the quality of your reasoning, your judgment and your drafting. You must independently verify every case, statute, citation and fact from the primary source before you rely on it.

15. Evaluation

15.1 The first round is conducted through our AI system, which has been trained on the content of writ petitions and on legal data provided by practising lawyers, so that every Entry is screened on the same footing.

15.2 The Writ Petitions are evaluated by a panel of former Judges of the Supreme Court of India and the High Courts, Senior Advocates and senior legal educationists.

15.3 The evaluation parameters have been set by the Mentor Pool of LexFinis Foundation. The weightage is given to the **legal validity of the issue** and to **legal creativity**: whether the issue you have chosen is legally sound and maintainable, and the originality and craft with which you frame it, research it and draft it.

15.4 The decision of the Panel is final and binding. Any attempt to contact a member of the Panel about the Programme will result in disqualification.

16. Filing and Appearance before the Court

16.1 A Writ Petition found ready for filing is vetted by our expert panel and filed before the High Court or the Supreme Court, as the case requires. Once the matter is listed, you may appear in person or brief any counsel of your choice.

16.2 Where the issue is found to be legally maintainable, the costs of filing, and the responsibility for the consent and filing of the petition, are borne by the Foundation.

16.3 Any person may approach the Court as a party in person, and the training on filing and court procedure prepares you to do so with confidence.

16.4 The Foundation gives no assurance of admission, listing, interim relief or any particular outcome, all of which rest with the Hon'ble Court.

17. Penalties

Violation	Penalty
Exceeding the prescribed page limit	2 marks for each page or part of a page
Violation of a formatting requirement under Rule 12	0.5 mark for each violation, up to 5 marks
Disclosing your institution in breach of Rule 6	5 marks
Citing an authority that does not exist or does not support the proposition	3 marks for each instance; disqualification if substantial
Failure to annex the Representation and proof of dispatch to the Writ Petition	5 marks
Plagiarism	As per the scale in Rule 14.3
Submission outside the drafting window	Not accepted
Contacting the Panel, or making more than one Entry	Disqualification

18. Prizes, Certificates and Careers

Award	Amount	Number
First Prize	₹1,00,000	One
Second Prize	₹75,000 each	Four
Third Prize	₹25,000 each	Five
State Prize	₹10,000	One for each State, decided after the second round
Best College Award	₹1,00,000	The institution from which the largest number of students undergo the training

18.1 The total prize pool is **₹10,00,000**.

18.2 Every Participant who completes the training receives a **Certificate of Participation carrying the authority of MEPSC**. Submission of the Writ Petition is not a condition for the certificate, but completion of the training is.

18.3 The winning petitions and final presentations will be published on the Foundation's website and YouTube channel.

18.4 Every Participant becomes a member of the LexFinis Trainee Lawyer Community, which brings together practising advocates of the Supreme Court, the High Courts and the district courts who are looking for well-trained juniors. You get a profile page with a unique participant number, and Participants who perform well are introduced to these advocates for internships, junior positions or assignments.

18.5 The programme also prepares students for corporate practice, ADR, law firms, corporate legal departments, banks, Government departments and the Judge Advocate General's Department.

19. Miscellaneous

19.1 Authorship of every submission remains with the Participant. By taking part, the Participant permits the Foundation to publish the submission for the purposes of the Programme and legal education.

19.2 Do not include the personal or identifying information of any individual without their written consent, and redact it where it is not necessary to the cause.

19.3 No Participant who is not enrolled as an advocate shall hold themselves out as one, or give any assurance about the outcome of any proceeding.

19.4 The Foundation may alter these Rules and the schedule during the Programme. Any change will be communicated through the Dashboard and by email, and its interpretation of these Rules is final and binding.

20. Contact

LexFinis Foundation, T-05/LL-02, Ground Floor, Commonwealth Games Village, Akshardham, Delhi 110092

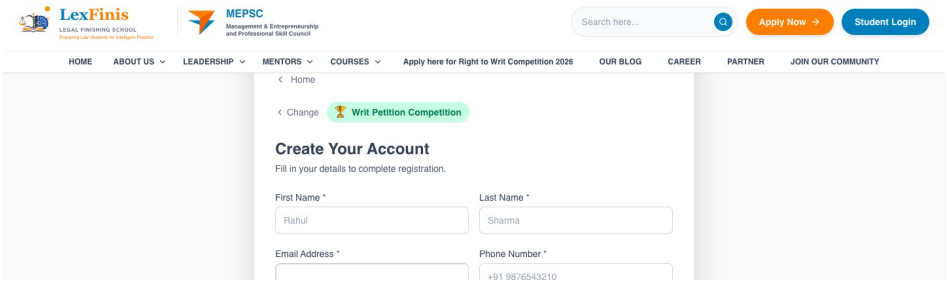
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Please write with your Student ID in the subject line. We are always happy to help.

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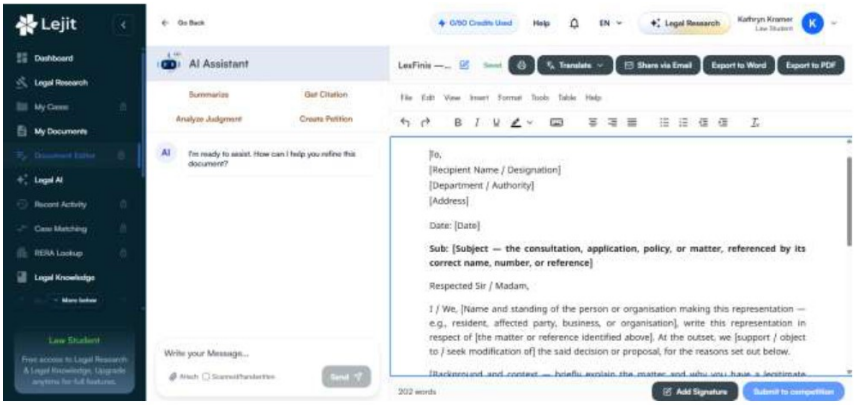
1. Go to **www.lexfinis.org** and click **Apply here for Right to Writ Competition 2026** in the top menu, or use the poster that pops up, and then Register Now.
2. Enter your name, email address, phone number and a password, and click **Create Account & Enroll**. Your Student ID is created instantly.
3. Complete your profile with your photograph and identity verification.
4. Open **Learning Resources** and watch the training videos. They are free.
5. To enter the competition, click the contribution button on your Dashboard and pay **₹1,199** through Razorpay.
6. Read the **Guidelines**, and click **Start Drafting** only when you are ready. Your 10-day window begins.



Look for "Apply here for Right to Writ Competition 2026" on www.lexfinis.org.

On Lejit AI

1. The moment you click Start Drafting, a **guided walkthrough** shows you how to use each of the latest legal AI tools.
2. Open **Legal Research**, describe your issue, and receive a detailed legal opinion, related news and similar cases.
3. Open **Draft with AI**, click LexFinis templates, and choose **LexFinis – Representation to a Government Body**.
4. Fill in your matter, ask the **AI Assistant** for help with any clause, and sign at the end. Your work saves automatically.
5. Review your draft in **My Documents**, and click **Submit to competition** within your 10-day window.



Draft with AI, with the AI Assistant on the left.

Submission Checklists

Before you submit the Representation

- ☐ Training videos watched, and the Guidelines read.
- ☐ Drafted on the LexFinis Representation template on Lejit.ai, within three pages excluding annexures.
- ☐ Student ID on the first page; no college or faculty member named in the submitted copy.
- ☐ All ten parts under Rule 10.3 included, in the correct order.
- ☐ Every case, statute and fact checked against the primary source.
- ☐ Representation actually sent to the addressee, with proof of dispatch kept safely.
- ☐ Times New Roman 14 pt, 1.5 line spacing, 1-inch margins, page numbers at the bottom centre.
- ☐ Submitted within your 10-day window.

Before you submit the Writ Petition

- ☐ The period prescribed in your Representation has expired.
- ☐ Within sixteen pages, excluding the cover page, index and annexures.
- ☐ All fourteen parts under Rule 11.4 included, in the correct order.
- ☐ Choice of forum and Article justified in the statement of jurisdiction.
- ☐ Grounds lettered (A), (B), (C); paragraphs numbered in sequence.
- ☐ Representation and proof of dispatch annexed; every annexure marked P-1, P-2 and so on.
- ☐ One citation style used consistently, and every authority verified.
- ☐ Submitted on the Lejit platform with Submit to competition.

Glossary of Terms

Term	Meaning
Writ petition	A petition asking a constitutional court to issue a writ, order or direction to enforce a right or to require a public authority to perform its duty.
Article 32	The provision under which a person may approach the Supreme Court directly for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights.
Article 226	The provision empowering every High Court to issue writs for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights and for any other purpose.
Article 227	The High Court's power of superintendence over the courts and tribunals within its territory.
Mandamus	A writ directing a public authority to perform a duty that the law requires it to perform.
Certiorari	A writ quashing an order or decision made without jurisdiction or in breach of the law.
Locus standi	The standing, or right, of a person to bring a matter before the court.
Representation	A formal written request to an authority asking it to act. An unanswered representation often forms part of the cause of action.
Cause of action	The set of facts that gives rise to the right to seek relief from the court.

Term	Meaning
Grounds	The legal reasons on which the petition asks the court to grant relief.
Prayer	The specific relief asked of the court.
Affidavit	A written statement of facts sworn or affirmed to be true before an authorised officer.
Annexure	A supporting document attached to the petition and relied upon in it.
Delay and laches	Unreasonable delay in approaching the court, which may lead it to refuse relief.
Sub judice	A matter already pending before a court.
Advocate-on-Record	An advocate registered with the Supreme Court who alone may file matters and act for parties there.
Party in person	A party who appears and argues their own case without an advocate.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is registration free?

Yes. Registration, the training, mentoring and placement support are completely free of cost. A contribution of ₹1,199 is payable only if you wish to enter the competition, towards the Sector Skill Council certification (Rule 5).

What is the last date for registration?

Registration closes on 2 December 2026 (Rule 5.1).

Is the contribution refundable?

Not as a matter of course. If you wish to withdraw, write to us by email setting out cogent reasons, and your request will be considered on that basis (Rule 5.5).

Can I participate as a team?

No. Entries are individual, and every prize is awarded to the individual participant (Rule 4.2).

Are there live sessions I need to attend?

No. The training videos are already on the LMS student portal, so you can learn at your own pace (Rule 8.2).

Can I choose any issue and any respondent authority?

Yes (Rule 9.1).

Do I really send the Representation to the authority?

Yes. That is the heart of the programme. The Writ Petition is drafted once the period prescribed in your Representation has expired (Rules 10.4 and 11.1).

How many students go on to the Writ Petition round?

Fifty students are shortlisted from the first round (Rule 7.1).

How is the State winner decided?

There is one State winner for each State, decided after the second round (Rule 7.2).

Can I use AI tools?

Yes. The tools of Lejit.ai are mandatory, and you may also use other AI tools for preparing your content (Rule 14.4).

Can I change my draft after submitting?

Yes. Until the deadline, you can unsubmit, edit and resubmit within your 10-day window (Rule 13.3).

Who bears the cost of filing?

Where the issue is legally maintainable, the Foundation bears the costs of filing and the responsibility for the consent and filing of the petition (Rule 16.2).

Will I get a certificate?

Yes. Every participant who completes the training receives a Certificate of Participation carrying the authority of MEPSC (Rule 18.2).

We look forward to seeing you take your first writ from the page to the Court.