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THE FIRST COLLABORATION OF ITS KIND IN INDIA · 2026 NATIONAL EDITION

A NATIONAL WRIT DRAFTING & ADVOCACY COMPETITION

RIGHT TO WRIT

In Public Interest — 2026

The first collaboration of its kind in India between a legal finishing school and a Sector Skill Council of the Government of India. Law students from across India **train first with practising advocates**, then draft a **real writ petition** on a genuine public interest issue, fit to be filed — with selected petitions **filed and argued before an actual court of law**. Name on the record.

KEY DATES · FROM LAUNCH TO THE DAY YOUR PETITION IS HEARD

15 SEP	20 OCT	22–23 OCT	30 OCT	6 NOV	15 NOV	26 NOV
Registrations open	Registrations close	Training I & II	Representation due	Shortlist announced	Writ petition due	Final Rounds

TOTAL PRIZE POOL

₹10,00,000

Winner ₹1,50,000 · Runner-up ₹75,000 (four) · 2nd Runner-up ₹25,000 (five)
State Winner ₹10,000 (one per State) · Best College ₹1,00,000
Plus Best University · Best Faculty & Mentor

Who may enter

Law students of **any year** of any recognised three-year or five-year LL.B. programme in India. No moot court or litigation experience needed. No cap on entries per college.

The model

Train first with practising advocates — then identify a live public interest issue, file a representation, and draft a real writ petition under Article 32, 226 or 227.

Certification

Every Certificate of Participation carries the authority of MEPSC, Government of India.

Registration

www.lexfinis.org · Fee ₹2,200/- · Opens 15 September 2026 · Closes 20 October 2026

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CHAPTER ONE

A Legal Profession at an Inflection Point.

India's legal profession stands at a critical inflection point. Legal education has expanded in volume, with more than 1,700 law schools and lakhs of students enrolled, yet the gap between academic instruction and courtroom-ready competency remains pronounced. The National Judicial Data Grid reflects over 5.40 crore pending cases, even as a fresh cohort of graduates enters the Bar each year, often without ever having drafted a real petition.

The skilling deficit is documented at the national level. NITI Aayog's report *Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat@2047* (August 2026) records that only 8.25 per cent of graduates are employed in roles aligned to their qualification. The same deficit is visible in legal education, where the drafting of a writ petition — a skill central to constitutional practice — receives almost no structured training at the undergraduate stage. **Right to Writ is a direct answer to that gap.**

CHAPTER TWO

What Right to Writ Is — Train First, Then Draft.

Right to Writ — In Public Interest 2026 is a national writ drafting and advocacy competition for law students. **It is not a moot. It is not a simulation.**

Participants identify a live gap in Indian constitutional law and draft an actual writ petition on a real public interest issue of their choice, fit to be filed. A participant may act for an NGO, an institution or a real person, or may proceed in their own name. Selected petitions are presented before a constituted panel of judges for admission, and are thereafter filed before the concerned jurisdiction's High Court or the Supreme Court of India.

♦ WHAT MAKES 2026 DIFFERENT

Structured training and practical learning on drafting a writ petition comes **before** the participant drafts. Entrants train with practising advocates, including Advocates on Record of the Supreme Court, and only then draft. Participation is with knowledge. The competition is run with and certified by a Sector Skill Council of the Government of India under the MoU of 21 August 2026 between LexFinis Foundation and MEPSC — its first activity, and the first collaboration of its kind in India.

CHAPTER THREE

Beyond the Competition — The Causes It Serves.

I. ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Over 5.40 crore cases pending. Training students to draft petitions on real gaps in Indian law contributes directly to legal aid and public interest litigation frameworks.

II. CONSTITUTIONAL LITERACY

Hypotheticals don't move the needle. Engagement with genuine constitutional wrongs strengthens the grasp of fundamental rights, remedies and the writ jurisdictions that protect them.

III. PRACTICE-READY SKILLS

Drafting a real writ, after training from and under the eye of senior advocates, builds clear thinking, evidence-based argument and procedural fluency.

IV. RESPONSIBLE AI

Research and drafting tools from the AI Partner are provided to every entrant — while participants independently verify every legal proposition they rely on.

Your court semester. No classroom required.
A real petition. An actual court. Real impact.

CHAPTER FOUR

Four Stages from Gap to Courtroom.

01. INITIATION

Identify the jurisprudential gap: a real constitutional wrong the courts have not fully addressed. Decide whether you act for a client, an NGO or a real person, or in your own name.

Output: your chosen cause
Training I · 22 October 2026

02. REPRESENTATION

Structured training on drafting a representation to a government body; research on precedent and statute with the AI Partner's tools.

Output: representation of up to 3 pages
Training II · 23 Oct · Due 30 Oct 2026

03. EXECUTION

Shortlisted representations advance. Draft a full writ petition under Article 32, 226 or 227 meeting all submission and originality standards.

Output: writ petition of up to 16 pages, fit to be filed
Training III · 9 Nov · Due 15 Nov 2026

04. ADJUDICATION

Evaluated on legal reasoning, research and persuasiveness. Selected candidates argue for admission before the constituted panel, and their petitions are thereafter filed in Court.

Output: petitions published, filed and argued
Training IV · 23 Nov · Finals 26 Nov 2026

CHAPTER FIVE

The Training Programme — Five Sessions, All Included.

- ▶ **Training I · 22 October — Orientation and Issue Identification.** The steps and flow of the competition; how to identify a live constitutional gap; how to decide whether you act for a client, an NGO or a real person, or in your own name.
- ▶ **Training I(A) · 22 October — Client Counselling.** A specialised session for candidates representing an NGO, institution or individual: taking instructions, authority letters and client confidentiality.
- ▶ **Training II · 23 October — Drafting the Representation.** Conducted in two separate tracks, one for client-backed candidates and one for candidates proceeding in their own name.
- ▶ **Training III · 9 November — Writ Drafting.** Structure of a writ petition, synopsis and list of dates, grounds, prayer, affidavit, annexures and court fee.
- ▶ **Training IV · 23 November — Filing and Oral Submissions.** E-filing and physical filing, defect curing, mentioning, and how to open and close an admission argument.

Every registered candidate receives: recorded training modules, the LexFinis representation template, a drafting checklist and a **sample writ petition**, released on the participant dashboard under Resources.

CHAPTER SIX

Two Tracks — With a Client, or In Your Own Name.

Track A · Client-backed

You act for an NGO, an institution, a community group or a real person affected by the issue. You must disclose the client at the representation stage and carry a signed authority. You receive additional client counselling training.

Track B · In your own name

No client is attached. You prepare the representation, and later the petition, in your own name as a citizen acting in the public interest. Both tracks are evaluated on the same criteria and compete for the same awards.

CHAPTER SEVEN

A Prize Pool worth ₹10,00,000.

WINNER ₹1,50,000 1 award · highest rated petition	RUNNER-UP ₹75,000 Each · 4 awards · total ₹3,00,000	2ND RUNNER-UP ₹25,000 Each · 5 awards · total ₹1,25,000	STATE WINNER ₹10,000 Each · one per State	BEST COLLEGE ₹1,00,000 Most trained entrants
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Recognition is also conferred for **Best University** and **Best Faculty & Mentor**. Every participant receives a Certificate of Participation carrying the authority of MEPSC; winning petitions are published on Live Law and presented before the Court by the students themselves.

CHAPTER EIGHT

Rules, Eligibility & Submission.

Eligibility	Law students of any year, from any recognised institution in India
Registration	www.lexfinis.org · ₹2,200/- · 15 Sept to 20 Oct 2026
Length	Up to 3 pages (representation); up to 16 pages (writ petition)
Language · Format	English · Times New Roman 14 pt · 1.5 spacing · no handwritten submissions
Topic	A live public interest issue not already conclusively decided by a High Court or the Supreme Court
Originality	Zero plagiarism; no overlapping content; error free, coherent, evidence based argument
Submission	Through your LexFinis dashboard, within the prescribed window
Late entries	Late or incomplete entries are not accepted

CHAPTER NINE

Evaluation & the Judging Panel.

Every petition is read and marked by a panel comprising former Judges of the Supreme Court of India, former Judges of the High Courts, Senior Advocates of the Supreme Court, senior legal educationists and members of the Foundation's Advisory Board. Participating institutions may also nominate a faculty member to the evaluation panel.

Content & Clarity

Critical Thinking

Authenticity

Evidence-Based Argument

Logical Presentation

Topic Relevance

Law Colleges & Community Lawyering. By Circular No. LFF/RTW/2026/01, Principals, Deans and Directors have been asked to nominate a Faculty Coordinator. Right to Writ is also the entry point to a wider initiative: an Implementation Model submitted to NALSA proposes integrating every law college's legal aid clinic, as a community lawyering hub, with its District Legal Services Authority under Section 4(k) of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

CHAPTER TEN

The Partnership behind the Competition.



IN COLLABORATION WITH SOLICITORSINDIA LAW OFFICES

Partners in professional training, client counselling and the supervision of filing and appearance.



SKILL PARTNER MEPSC

Sector Skill Council under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India. Certifies the competition.



AI PARTNER LEJIT.AI

AI powered legal technology platform. Legal research and drafting tools provided to every entrant.



MEDIA PARTNER LIVE LAW

Hosts the announcement, amplifies reach across India's law schools and publishes the winning petitions.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

From the Panel to the Court Room.

Candidates whose writ petitions are selected on 20 November present before a constituted panel of judges on 26 November, in an admission-style hearing. The petition is then finalised for filing before the concerned jurisdiction's **High Court** or the **Supreme Court of India**, depending on the facts and circumstances of the cause.

At filing, the candidate may appear as **party in person**, or may opt for the assistance of the Foundation and its collaborating counsel in arguing the matter before the Hon'ble Court.

CHAPTER TWELVE

How to Register — Five Minutes.

- ▶ Go to **www.lexfinis.org** or scan the QR. Under Upcoming Events, open **Right to Writ** and click **Register now**.
- ▶ Create your account with your college ID, and complete your profile with a photograph and a Government-issued ID for verification.
- ▶ Pay the one-time registration fee of **₹2,200** and submit the transaction reference. Access unlocks once verified.
- ▶ Read the Guidelines and the Rule Book. Training videos, templates and a **sample writ petition** are released under **Resources**.
- ▶ Attend the trainings, then draft and click **Submit to competition** before each deadline.



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