



Right to Writ

In Public Interest — 2026

A National Writ Drafting and Advocacy Competition · Official Brochure

From the classroom to the courtroom.

Choose a real public interest issue. Draft a real representation and a real writ petition.

Argue it before a Panel of former Judges and Senior Advocates.

The best petitions are filed before the High Court or the Supreme Court of India.

₹10,00,000

total
prize pool

3

training sessions
by AoRs

1 or 2

members
per entry

₹2,200

registration
contribution

Open to law students of any year, and to lawyers with up to two years of experience.

Take part on your own or in a team of two.

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About the Competition

Right to Writ — In Public Interest 2026 is a national writ drafting and advocacy competition organised by LexFinis Foundation, New Delhi, in association with the Management and Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council (MEPSC), Government of India, under the Skill India Mission.

It is not a moot court. There is no hypothetical proposition and no memorial. Each participant chooses a real issue of public importance, writes a real representation to the authority that is failing in its duty, and then drafts a writ petition that could be presented at the filing counter. The best petitions are filed before the High Court or the Supreme Court of India, and their authors may appear in court as party in person or with the assistance of the Foundation.

Most law students graduate without ever having drafted a petition that went anywhere. This Competition is designed to change that, with training by Advocates-on-Record at every stage and a cause that matters at the centre of it.

What makes it different

A real cause	You work on a live public interest issue of your own choosing, not a moot problem.
Training first	Three sessions by Advocates-on-Record of the Supreme Court, pre-recorded and live, before you draft.
Real drafting tools	Lejit.ai, the AI Partner, gives you legal research tools and the LexFinis drafting templates.
A real court	Selected petitions are filed before the High Court or the Supreme Court of India.

Who Can Participate

- Students of any year of a three-year or five-year LL.B. programme, or of a postgraduate law programme, at any recognised institution in India.
- Advocates and law graduates with not more than two years of experience after enrolment or qualification, as on 15 September 2026.
- You may take part individually or in a team of not more than two members. Each team member registers separately.
- No prior moot court, litigation or drafting experience is required, and there is no limit on entries from any one institution.

How It Works

The Competition runs in three stages. Each stage is preceded by training, and you move to the next stage only on selection.

Stage I The Representation	Stage II The Writ Petition	Stage III The Final Rounds
Identify a live public interest issue, research the law, and draft and dispatch a representation of up to 3 pages to the competent authority.	If shortlisted, draft a full writ petition of up to 16 pages under Article 32, 226 or 227, fit to be filed.	If selected, argue your petition for admission before a Panel of former Judges and Senior Advocates.
Due by 12 Dec 2026	Due by 3 Jan 2027	20 to 30 Jan 2027

Your issue is not submitted separately. It is set out in your Representation and assessed against the latest judgments of the Supreme Court and the High Courts, and the laws and policies in force in India.

The Training Programme

Every participant gets access to pre-recorded and live sessions by Advocates-on-Record of the Supreme Court of India on how to draft a writ petition. The sessions are available as videos on the participant dashboard.

Session	What it covers
Training I: Public Interest Issues and the Representation	What a public interest issue is, how to recognise a live constitutional or statutory gap, and what a representation is and how to draft one.
Training II: The Craft of Drafting a Writ Petition	Every part of a writ petition, from forum and jurisdiction to grounds, prayer, affidavit and annexures.
Training III: Courtroom Skills for Arguing a Writ Petition	How to argue for admission and answer the Bench, and how a writ petition differs from an ordinary petition.

Participants will also have the opportunity to interact with practising advocates, Advocates-on-Record and Senior Advocates on the Advisory Board of LexFinis Foundation.

Drafting on Lejit.ai

Lejit.ai, the AI Partner of the Competition, provides every verified participant with legal research tools and the LexFinis templates for the Representation and the Writ Petition. You research, draft and submit on Lejit.ai.

One submission only

Each entry can be submitted only once on Lejit.ai, using the “Submit to competition” button. Multiple submissions are not allowed, so review your draft carefully before you submit. You remain responsible for verifying every authority you cite.

What Every Participant Receives

- Three training sessions, pre-recorded and live, by Advocates-on-Record of the Supreme Court of India;
- the opportunity to interact with practising advocates, Advocates-on-Record and Senior Advocates on the Foundation's Advisory Board;
- access to Lejit.ai and the LexFinis drafting templates;
- an annotated sample writ petition, and drafting and filing checklists;
- the chance to appear before a real court on a public interest issue, if your petition is selected for filing; and
- a Certificate of Participation carrying the authority of MEPSC, Government of India, on completion of Stage I.

Awards

Award	Value	Number
Winner	₹1,50,000	One
Runner-up	₹75,000 each	Four
Second Runner-up	₹25,000 each	Five
State Winner	₹10,000 each	One per State, subject to participation thresholds
Best University	₹1,00,000	One

Total prize pool: ₹10,00,000. Winners are announced by Live Law and honoured at the Award Ceremony, and winning petitions are published.

Key Dates

Date	What happens
15 September 2026	Registration opens
30 November 2026	Registration closes
5 December 2026	Training I — Public Interest Issues and the Representation
12 December 2026	Last date to submit the Representation
22 December 2026	Selected Representations announced
3 January 2027	Last date to submit the Writ Petition
15 January 2027	Selected Writ Petitions announced
20 to 30 January 2027	Final Rounds before the Panel
1 to 15 February 2027	Award Ceremony
February to March 2027	Filing and appearance before the Court

How to Register

1. Visit www.lexfinis.org and open *Upcoming Events* → *Writ Petition Competition* → *Register now*.
2. Create your account and complete your profile, including identity verification.
3. Remit the registration contribution of ₹2,200 per participant through the dashboard by UPI, and submit the transaction reference ID and screenshot. The contribution is non-refundable; see the Contribution Policy Guidelines.
4. Once verified, read the Guidelines, watch the training videos, and begin drafting on Lejit.ai.

Organisers and Partners



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