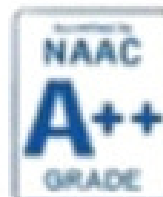




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ORGANISES

Policy Drafting Competition -2026 on 16/09/2026

Policy framework for protecting individual
privacy & human rights while using modern
technologies in predictive policing & criminal
investigation

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ABOUT SIMATS

The Saveetha Medical and Educational Trust, established in 1986, was founded with the primary objectives of providing medical relief, promoting education, and encouraging research. In 1988, the Trust established Saveetha Dental College along with an attached General Hospital, marking the beginning of its contribution to healthcare and education. Subsequently, the Trust expanded its institutions by establishing colleges for Nursing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Law, and Engineering, thereby fulfilling its commitment to serve society, particularly people living in rural villages in and around Chennai and the adjoining districts of Tamil Nadu. These institutions function under the umbrella of Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS), which has achieved notable recognition and accreditation, including accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) and the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for RTPCR testing during the COVID-19 pandemic. SIMATS has grown into a major academic and healthcare hub with a total student strength of over 10,000, supported by approximately 1,500 faculty members and around 2,500 non-teaching staff. The institution is ranked among the top 10 universities in India and secured the 395th position globally in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2020 on sustainability, conducted by the University of Indonesia, Jakarta. Furthermore, SIMATS has been recognized as a Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta and Rural Engagement Cell (SES REC) institution by the Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE), under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, reflecting its continued commitment to social responsibility, rural development, and academic excellence.

ABOUT SSL

The Saveetha School of Law (SSL), under Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, was established in 2009 with the objective of delivering quality legal education and maintaining high standards in legal research and professional training. Located in a serene environment close to the city, SSL is driven by the vision of imparting excellence in legal education and is committed to nurturing intellectual growth, leadership qualities, and the overall personality development of aspiring legal professionals. The institution has achieved significant recognition, being ranked 19th among law universities in India and 1st in Tamil Nadu as per National Institutional Ranking Framework 2023. It is accredited with NAAC Grade A++, recognized by the Bar Council of India, and approved by the University Grants Commission. SSL offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D. programmes, following the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with a blend of core and specialized subjects. The academic system is fully digitized, incorporating innovative teaching methods such as flipped classrooms and providing I-books for students. The campus is equipped with modern facilities including air-conditioned classrooms, smart boards with Wi-Fi connectivity, experienced faculty, advanced teaching methodologies, a well-stocked library, cafeteria, hostel, and sports infrastructure. The institution emphasizes continuous assessment through regular tests, provides internship opportunities with advocates at the High Court on a one-to-one basis, and actively organizes moot court sessions and competitions. Additionally, SSL promotes research initiatives and engages in community service activities aimed at spreading legal awareness among the public, making it a well-rounded institution dedicated to academic excellence and social responsibility.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The rapid integration of Artificial Intelligence, predictive analytics, facial recognition systems, surveillance technologies, biometric identification, and algorithmic policing tools into criminal justice administration has created significant legal and ethical concerns relating to privacy, accountability, discrimination, constitutional liberties, and human rights.

India presently faces substantial challenges in balancing technological innovation with constitutional safeguards under Articles 14, 19, and 21 of the Constitution of India. In this context, policy drafting assumes immense significance for future legal professionals.

The proposed “Policy Drafting Competition” seeks to provide a practical platform for law students to critically examine the legal, ethical, constitutional, and human-rights implications of modern policing technologies and to formulate effective policy solutions.

- The event is intended to encourage:
 - • Research-oriented legal learning;
 - • Policy formulation skills;
 - • Legislative and governance understanding;
 - • Interdisciplinary legal analysis;
 - • Critical engagement with emerging technologies.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

The competition aims to:

1. Promote awareness regarding emerging technologies in criminal justice administration.
2. Encourage policy-oriented legal research among students.
3. Develop legislative and policy drafting skills.
4. Foster critical thinking on privacy and human-rights concerns.
5. Promote interdisciplinary approaches to criminal justice reforms.
6. Enhance advocacy, analytical, and presentation skills.
7. Encourage constitutional and ethical approaches to predictive policing.

RULES & REGULATIONS

A. Eligibility

1. The competition is open to students pursuing:
 - o 3-Year LL.B.;
 - o 5-Year Integrated Law Courses;
 - o LL.M. programmes.
2. Each institution may send multiple teams.

B. Team Composition

1. Each team shall consist of **two members only**.
2. No cross-institutional teams are permitted.

C. Registration

1. Registration fee: **₹300 per team**.
2. Registration shall be completed before the prescribed deadline.
3. Teams must carry valid institutional identity cards.

D. Competition Procedure

1. The proposition/problem statement has been released in the first page of the brochure .
2. Teams shall draft a policy framework within the stipulated time.
3. Internet access may be restricted based on organiser discretion.
4. Teams shall submit:
 - o One hard copy;
 - o One soft copy (PDF/Word format).

E. Formatting Guidelines

1. Line Spacing: 1.5
2. Margin: 1 inch on all sides
3. Citation Style: Bluebook/ILI (as instructed)
4. Word Limit: 2500–3500 words

EVENT FRAMEWORK

NATURE OF THE COMPETITION

Participants shall prepare a comprehensive policy framework addressing legal, ethical, constitutional, technological, and administrative concerns involved in predictive policing and criminal investigation technologies.

The draft policy may include:

- Objectives;
- Definitions;
- Guiding principles;
- Data protection safeguards;
- Accountability mechanisms;
- Human-rights protections;
- Transparency standards;
- Oversight frameworks;
- Remedies and grievance mechanisms;
- Ethical safeguards.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT

The event will commence with team registration from 09:00 AM to 09:30 AM, followed by the Inaugural Session and Participant Briefing from 09:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Participants will then engage in the Policy Drafting Session from 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM, at the conclusion of which the final submissions will be collected. A Lunch Break will be observed from 01:00 PM to 01:45 PM. Thereafter, the Oral Presentation Round will be conducted from 02:00 PM to 04:00 PM, followed by the Judges' Evaluation and Deliberation from 04:00 PM to 04:30 PM. The event will conclude with the Valedictory Ceremony and Prize Distribution from 04:30 PM to 05:00 PM.

REWARDS AND RECOGNITION

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The competition shall recognise and reward excellence through various categories of awards and accolades. The Winning Team shall be awarded a trophy along with a cash prize, while the Runner-Up Team shall receive a trophy in recognition of their commendable performance. A special award for “Best Policy Innovation” shall also be presented with a trophy to acknowledge exceptional creativity and analytical approach in drafting. Participation certificates shall be awarded to all participants for their active involvement in the competition. The maximum cash prize awarded during the event shall be up to ₹2000.

CERTIFICATES

Certificates of recognition and participation shall be awarded to the Winners, Runners-up, and the Best Team in acknowledgment of their outstanding performance. Participation certificates shall also be provided to all participants, along with certificates of appreciation for volunteers and members of the Organising Committee for their valuable contribution towards the successful conduct of the event.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration & Prize Details

Dear Participants,

Kindly find the Google Form registration link provided below. We request you to complete the form with the required details at the earliest. Upon successful submission, you may join the official WhatsApp group through the link provided below for further updates and communication regarding the event.

The registration fee for participation in the workshop shall be ₹300 per participant/team. The winning team will be awarded a cash prize of ₹2000 in recognition of their outstanding performance.

Google form link :

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LBahf0zCGgjSpBnR0joups-X9a_l67x3X1W4mRWlmsE/viewform

WhatsApp link

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