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IDIA CORPORATE BLOG WRITING COMPETITION 2026

IDIA UP-HYDERABAD CHAPTER

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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The IDIA UP–HYDERABAD Chapter Corporate Blog Writing Competition seeks to provide a platform for law students and young scholars to engage with contemporary legal issues through critical and analytical writing.

The competition aims to foster meaningful conversations at the intersection of law, policy, and society, while refining the participants' research and writing abilities. In line with IDIA's mission, the competition also serves as a means to support the cause of increasing access to legal education for underprivileged communities.

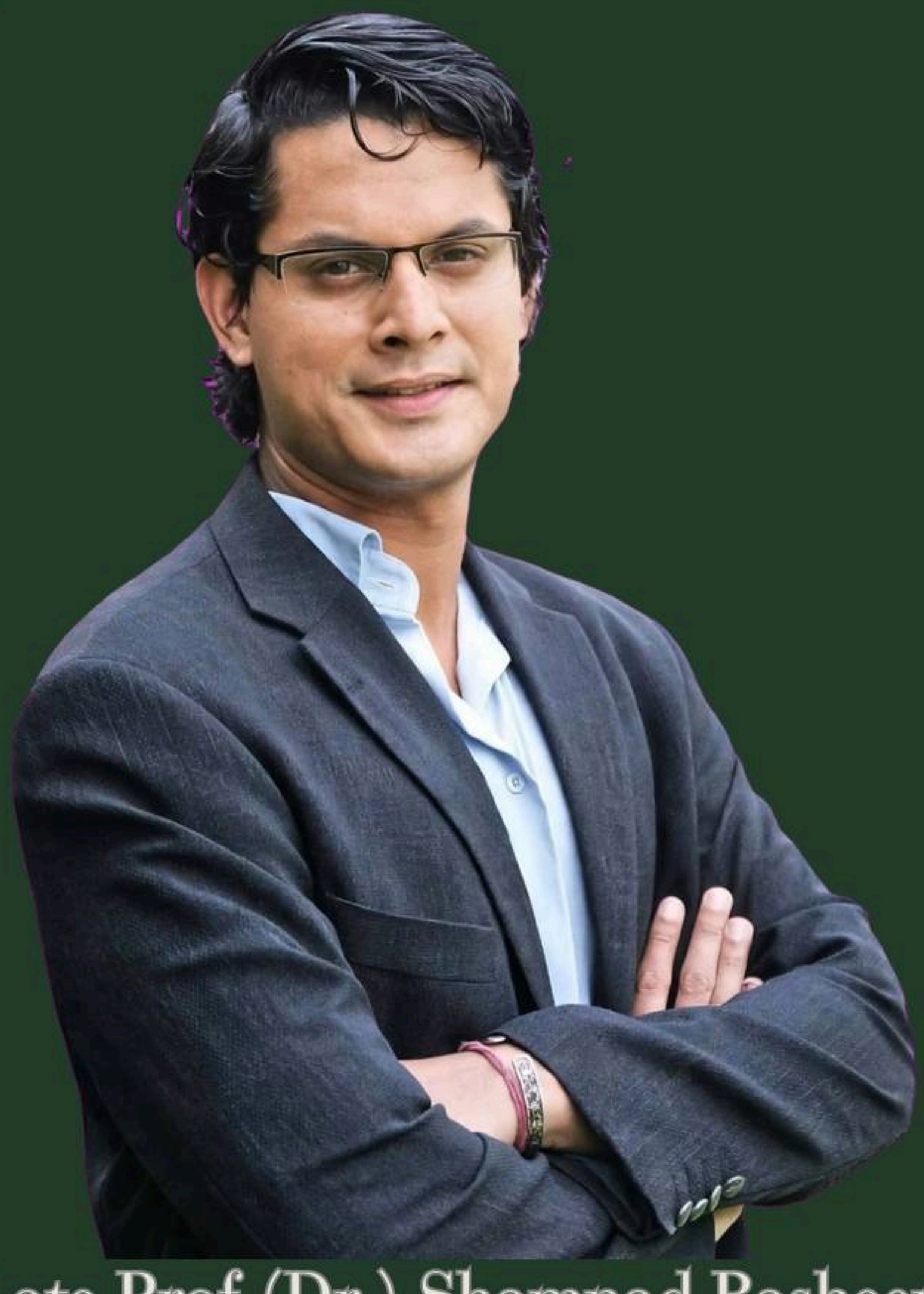
Participants will have the opportunity to contribute to ongoing legal conversations while supporting a larger cause of inclusivity and diversity in the legal profession.

ABOUT IDIA

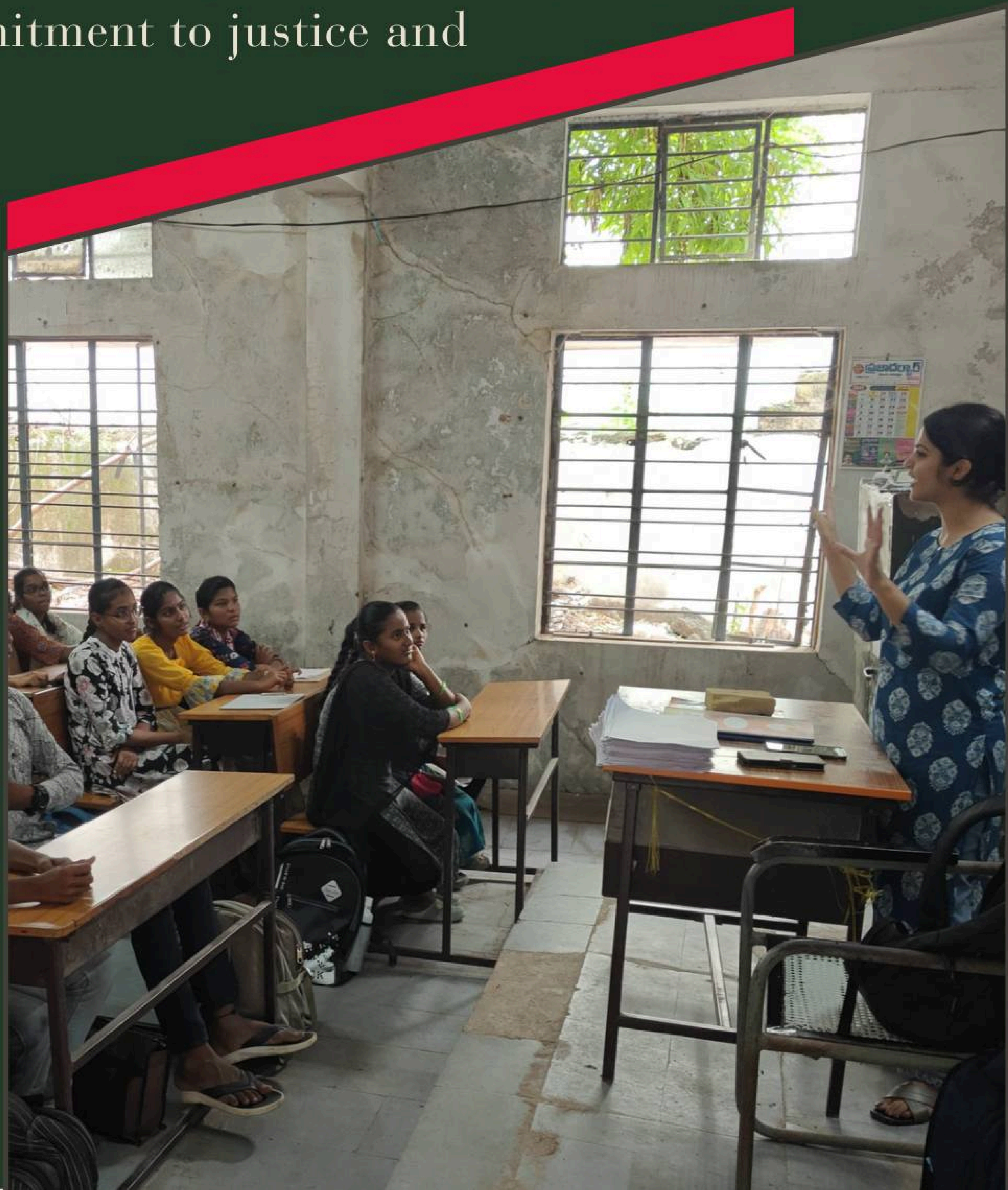
Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access to Legal Education (IDIA) is a nationwide initiative founded in 2010 by the late Prof. (Dr.) Shamnad Basheer, aimed at advancing equitable access to quality legal education for underprivileged and marginalized communities.

At its core, IDIA identifies students with a strong aptitude for law from disadvantaged backgrounds and equips them with sustained academic training and support to succeed in competitive law entrance examinations. Beyond facilitating entry into premier law schools, the initiative actively works towards fostering diversity within these institutions, thereby enriching academic spaces and contributing to a more inclusive and representative legal profession. Over the years, IDIA has created a significant impact across India.

Driven by a robust grassroots framework, IDIA operates through 25 chapters across the country, supported by a dedicated network of 800+ student volunteers. Together, they continue to build pathways for aspiring legal professionals while fostering acommitment to justice and systemic reform.



Late Prof.(Dr.) Shamnad Basheer
(Founder)



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With offices in Kolkata, New Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, F&M advises domestic and international clients across a wide range of practice areas, including corporate and commercial law, dispute resolution, banking and finance, insolvency, employment, infrastructure, and real estate. Renowned for its rich legacy and client-centric approach, the firm continues to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and service.

ABOUT THE PUBLISHING PARTNER

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The Arbitration & Corporate Law Review (ACLR) is an independent legal publication focused on contemporary developments in arbitration, corporate, commercial, financial regulation and fintech law. ACLR operates under the patronage of Dr. Kiran Rai, Professor of Law at South Asian University (currently on lien from Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai).

The Review is supported by an experienced Board of Advisors and editorial team, bringing together practitioners, academics and researchers with expertise across its principal areas of publication. Through this structure, ACLR seeks to maintain high editorial standards while providing a platform for contemporary and practically relevant legal analysis.

ACLR is also indexed on HeinOnline, SCC Online and Manupatra, reflecting its growing presence within the legal research community.

As the Official Publication Partner for the IDIA UP-Hyderabad Chapter Corporate Blog Writing Competition 2026, ACLR will publish the top three winning entries. The collaboration will provide the selected authors with an opportunity to have their work published before ACLR's readership of students, academics, practitioners and industry professionals, while contributing to contemporary discourse in corporate and commercial law

ABOUT SCC ONLINE | TIMES

SCC Online, developed by Eastern Book Company (EBC), is India's premier legal research platform, trusted by judges, legal practitioners, academicians, researchers, and law students for its comprehensive and authoritative legal database. Through pioneering technological innovation, SCC Online has transformed legal research by providing seamless access to case law, legislation, journals, legal commentaries, notifications, and a wide range of other legal resources. Recognised for its authentic coverage of judicial decisions and reliable legal content, it remains one of the most widely used legal research platforms in the country.

SCC Times, the official media arm of SCC Online, serves as a leading platform for legal news, academic initiatives, conferences, moot court competitions, seminars, and other developments within the legal community. By disseminating timely updates and promoting legal discourse, SCC Times plays a significant role in fostering engagement among students, practitioners, and institutions across India.

As the Exclusive Media Partner for the IDIA Corporate Blog Writing Competition 2026, SCC Times will support the Competition by promoting it across its digital platforms and social media channels, enabling the initiative to reach a wider audience of law students and legal professionals across the country. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to encouraging legal scholarship, promoting academic excellence, and advancing greater access to opportunities within the legal community.

THE ORGANISING CHAPTERS

IDIA UP-CHAPTER, AT RMLNLU

The Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU), Lucknow, established in 2005 by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, has emerged as a leading institution for legal education, research, and public engagement. Guided by the vision of promoting excellence in legal scholarship and advancing the ideals of justice, equality, and constitutional values, the University seeks to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to address contemporary legal and societal challenges.

Recognised as one of India's premier National Law Universities, RMLNLU attracts a diverse community of students and scholars from across the country. Through its emphasis on academic rigour, interdisciplinary research, advocacy, and experiential learning, the University continues to cultivate an environment that encourages critical inquiry, professional excellence, and meaningful contributions to the legal profession and society.

IDIA HYDERABAD-CHAPTER, AT NALSAR

The National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Hyderabad, established in 1998 by a statute of the State of Andhra Pradesh, has been a hub for critical discussions on law and justice since its inception. Recognizing that issues of justice permeate all areas of legal practice whether in courts, corporations, education, or administration, the University has championed the use of law as a tool for social change.

Being counted among the top law schools in India officially recognised by NAAC, it attracts students from across the country and faculty from both India and abroad. Throughout its existence, NALSAR has consistently explored innovative strategies to foster a vibrant academic environment, continually reflecting on its successes and challenges in pursuit of its goals.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- **The competition invites participants to critically engage with Contemporary Developments in Corporate and Commercial Law. Sub-themes are as follows*-**

1. Corporate Liability in the Digital Economy
2. Corporate Fraud, White-Collar Crime, and Regulatory Enforcement
3. Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructuring
4. Private Equity, Venture Capital, and Start-up Regulation
5. Cross-Border Investments and International Commercial Law
6. FinTech, Digital Assets, and Financial Regulation
7. Shareholder Rights and Minority Protection

***The above sub-themes are only indicative. Participants are free to explore any contemporary issue within the broader theme.**

- **Word Limit:** 1,500—2,000 words
- **File Format & Formatting:** Submit entries in MS Word (.doc/.docx) format only. Times New Roman, font size 12, 1.5 spacing, justified.
- **Footnotes:** Times New Roman, font size 10, single spacing.
- **Citations:** Use hyperlinks for references wherever possible. Where hyperlinks are unavoidable, provide citations in OSCOLA (5th edition) format.
- **Plagiarism and AI:** Entries with over 15% similarity will be rejected. Any use of AI tools for drafting will lead to disqualification. Plagiarism will result in an immediate ban from the competition.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- **Originality:** All submissions must be orignal. Manuscripts that have already been submitted or published must not be submittd.
- **Anonymity**: Manuscripts must be completely anonymized (no author names, institutional affiliations, acknowledgements, or identifying data) in the submitted article file.
- **Authorship:** A maximum of two authors per submission is permitted.
- Copyright and Responsibility: By submitting, authors confirm that the blog does not violate any third-party rights. Authors alone will be responsible for any legal issues that arise.

- **Grounds for Disqualification:** Entries may be rejected for violation of privacy, Formatting violations, Plagiarism or use of AI or deviation from the theme.
- **Evaluation Criteria:** Entries will be judged on: Originality, Depth of research, Clarity, Coherence, Relevance to theme, Quality of analysis and Writing style.

Submissions that successfully clear this preliminary screening will proceed to the evaluation stage. Shortlisted papers will be assessed anonymously by a panel of experts to ensure a fair, unbiased, and merit-based evaluation.

PRIZES

TOTAL PRIZE POOL OF INR 30,000/- :

Winner: 15,000/-

Runner-up: 10,000/-

Second Runner-up: 5,000/-

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

- Top three contenders will have the opportunity to intern with **Fox & Mandal** subject to their conditions.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

- **Top 3** articles will be published by the **Arbitration and Corporate Law Review (ACLR)**.

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee

- Single Authorship: **INR 500/-**
- Co-authorship: **INR 700/-**

How To Participate

Kindly register through this link.
Submission of the manuscript is to be made through this Google Form.

Timeline

Deadline for submission: **31st October 2026**
Screening and evaluation process: **November 2026**
Results: **10th December 2026**

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