



# NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, TRIPURA

The Literary & Debating Society

*Presents*

## LIKHWAT 3.0

NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION, 2026

Theme : “Caste-Based Discrimination in Educational Institutions in India: Reality or Perception?”

### SCHOOL LEVEL

#### Eligibility Criteria

Higher Secondary Students of any Recognized Board in India (All Streams)



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize**  
₹ 7000



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**  
₹ 5000

### UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LEVEL

#### Eligibility Criteria

Diploma/UG/PG Students of any Recognized College/University in India



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize**  
₹ 15000



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**  
₹ 10000

**THE PARTICIPANT SECURING 1ST PRIZE WILL ALSO A GET CHANCE TO PUBLISH THE MANUSCRIPT IN NLU TRIPURA'S JOURNAL OF LAW AND POLICY**

Top two essays in both the categories in addition to cash prizes will also receive a Certificate of Merit

All Participants will be awarded a Certificate of Participation



### IMPORTANT DATES

Last date of registration- May 20, 2026  
Last date of submission- June 15, 2026

The Competition Results will be announced and published tentatively in the month of July 2026 on NLU Tripura's Official Website and Social Media Handles. The dates are applicable for both School and College/University Students.



# National Law University, Tripura

Dear Participants,

Warm greetings from the Literary & Debating Society (LDS), National Law University, Tripura!

The Literary & Debating Society (LDS), NLU Tripura, is delighted to present the 3rd National Essay Writing Competition, 2026 – *Likhawat 3.0*. Likhawat has consistently focused on themes that demand contemporary solutions and thoughtful remedies, encouraging and inviting young minds to participate meaningfully. In this spirit, we are proud to announce this year's theme: "*Caste-Based Discrimination in Educational Institutions in India: Reality or Perception?*"

Since its inception, Likhawat has garnered wide recognition and enthusiastic participation from across the country. We deeply appreciate the engagement of young minds who bring forth critical thought, nuanced perspectives, and meaningful discourse on pressing contemporary issues and their possible remedies, an objective that lies at the very heart of this competition.

The Literary & Debating Society stands as a forum for intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, eloquence, and a deep appreciation for literature. Over the years, the Society has proudly hosted Inter-University Speech Competitions, Poetry Reading Sessions, Drama Performances, and Classical Music Evenings, fostering a vibrant culture of expression and dialogue.

We warmly invite you to participate in *Likhawat 3.0* with an open mind, a passionate heart, and a fearless spirit. Let your essay reflect your insights, your boldest ideas, and your vision for the future of our democracy.

We wish all participants the very best and eagerly look forward to your submissions. Together, let us celebrate the spirit of writing and the transformative power of ideas.

Warmest regards,  
The Literary & Debating Society (LDS)  
National Law University, Tripura

## About NLU Tripura

The National Law University Tripura (NLUT) was established in 2022 by a Statute (Act No. 3 of 2022) of the State of Tripura. The foundation of the University was laid by Her Excellency Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India which reflects its commitment to excellence in legal education. The Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura is the Chancellor of the University. The University offers a wide-ranging array of programs, including the five-year integrated B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., and Ph.D. NLUT accepts students through Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) for admission to its B.A.LL.B. (Hons.)/LL.M. programmes.

NLUT is committed to the creation of an ethical legal culture, which protects and promotes the rule of law and social justice. Under the guidance of its founding Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh, a team of highly qualified faculty is dedicated to make NLUT, a beacon of legal education in Northeastern India.

## Registration Procedures & Fee

### Registration for School Students

Registration Fee for School Students is INR 200 Only.

#### Registration Link

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#### Submission Link

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### Registration for University/College Students

Registration Fee for College/University Students is INR 500 Only.

#### Registration Link

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#### Submission Link

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## Theme & Evaluation Criteria

The theme for *Likhawat 3.0* is “Caste-Based Discrimination in Educational Institutions in India: Reality or Perception?” The registered participants must choose a topic for the competition which strictly aligns with the theme only. If found inconsistent and misaligned with the theme, the judges have the discretion to reject during evaluation. The decision of the judges shall remain final and binding. The participants are requested to adhere to the theme mentioned.

The Essays will be evaluated by a Panel of Judges on the following criteria:

- Topic relevance, originality, and clarity.
- A compelling issue analysis supported by research, evidence, and/or personal connection.

- ✦ Advocating tangible, specific, and creative solutions to promote awareness and address issues.
- ✦ Suggesting ways in which Indian citizens can be part of the solution.

## Payment Details

Payment Options and Bank Account Details

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## Submission Guidelines

- ✦ Participants are mandatorily required to comply with the guidelines. Any violation of guidelines will lead to cancellation of candidature.
- ✦ Registration is mandatory to participate in the National Essay Writing Competition 2026- Likhawat 3.0.
- ✦ The language must be in English only and submission shall be made in MS Word (format).  
Word limit for School Students is 1000–1500 words and for Diploma/UG/PG students it will be 2000 – 2500 words.
- ✦ Formatting guidelines for the main body: Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.5, double-spaced on A4 sheet, and justified alignment.
- ✦ Footnotes must strictly follow ILI mode of citation format. For details [please click](#).
- ✦ The essay must be original and unpublished. Any submission found to have more than 15% similarity in plagiarism and more than 15% AI-generated content will be disqualified from the competition.
- ✦ All participants are mandatorily required to upload a plagiarism report (Turnitin/Drillbit) and a separate AI-generated content report along with their essay. Submissions that do not include valid plagiarism and AI reports will not be considered for evaluation.
- ✦ The evaluation will be made on the basis of Content, Coverage, Facts and Innovation inclined towards the theme.
- ✦ The Panel of Judges reserves the right to reject any essay without prior notice if it is found to be misaligned with the competition theme and other guidelines.
- ✦ The decision of the Judges is final and binding on all participants.
- ✦ Submission of the essay will take place only through Google Form mentioned in page no. 3.

## What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is the act of using someone else's work or ideas without properly giving them credit. It's essentially presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether intentionally or by accident. This can include copying text, using someone else's ideas, or even reusing parts of your own previously submitted work without permission (known as self-plagiarism). Plagiarism is considered dishonest and a breach of academic integrity.

## What is AI-generated Content?

AI-generated content refers to any text, idea, or material that is not created by a human author but is instead generated by systems based on Artificial Intelligence, including technologies such as Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing. For the purpose of this competition, such non-human generated content must be strictly limited and shall not exceed 15% of the total submission. Entries must remain primarily original, human-authored, and reflective of the participant's own ideas, creativity, and understanding.

### Prizes for School Students

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: INR 7K + Certificate of Merit**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: INR 5K + Certificate of Merit**

### Prizes for College/University Students

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: INR 15K + Certificate of Merit**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: INR 10K + Certificate of Merit**

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