

**LEGAL AID CLINIC ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (NEP)  
& LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE,  
NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI**



**Essay Competition on “Inclusivity in National Education Policy,  
2020: A needle in a haystack?”**

The Government of India approved the [National Education Policy 2020](#) in July this year. The policy aims to bring in radical structural change in the education policy in India. While the policy has been lauded for bringing in some positive change, it has also equally been criticized for legitimizing exclusionary practices and policies. An additional challenge to education in India also lies in the form of the ongoing pandemic. As per a [report](#) by the World Bank (2020), the effect of school closure as a result of COVID-19 will not only impact learning outcomes but also contribute to one of the largest economic contractions. Being out of schools combined with reducing budgets and loss of family households may have a gendered effect leaving girls especially vulnerable. Further, it may deepen the existing crisis of exclusion and inequality with the setback of quality education for marginalized groups and persons with disabilities.

### Sub-themes

*(The participants are free to choose sub-themes other than mentioned below)*

- Inclusivity and comparative analysis of the NEP 2020 and the NEP 1986
- Accessibility (rural-urban divide, privatization, language) and the NEP 2020
- Education on gender and sexuality and the NEP 2020
- Disability rights and the NEP 2020
- Caste-based inequalities and the NEP 2020
- Skill-based education and the NEP 2020
- Income-based inequality (reservations, EWS) and NEP 2020

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<b>First Prize</b>	<b>7,000 /-</b>
<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>4,000/-</b>
<b>Third Prize</b>	<b>2,000/-</b>
<b>Fourth Prize</b>	<b>1,000/-</b>
<b>Fifth Prize</b>	<b>1,000/-</b>

**Seven best essays will be published in a compendium titled 'Inclusivity vis-à-vis National Education Policy 2020' by National Law University Delhi.**

### Eligibility

Students/participants must be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Law, i.e., 3-year LL.B. course or 5-year LL.B. from any recognized college or university or pursuing LL.M. from any recognized university.

### How to register

Please register your interest by filling out this [form](#). A confirmation mail will be sent on approval of registration.

### Important dates

- Date of release of official notification: **21st October 2020**
- Last date for registration: **6th November 2020**
- Last date for clarification and allotment of codes: **13th November 2020**
- Last date for submission of the essays: **27th November 2020**
- Declaration of the results: **4th December 2020**

### **Submission guidelines**

- The essay must be written in English.
- The essay should be of minimum **1500** words not exceeding more than **2000** words (excluding footnotes).
- Co-authorship of maximum two authors is allowed.
- All submissions must be original and a bona fide effort of the participants and should not be submitted for any other purpose except the competition. Moreover, any form of plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification of the essay.
- All the essays shall contain a cover page with the following details:
  - Name/s of the student
  - Course of Study
  - University/College

### **Formatting guidelines**

- Font - Times New Roman, Size - 12
- Line spacing - 1.5
- Paragraph spacing (both before and after) - 6
- The participants are free to choose the mode of citation which should be uniform throughout.

### **Submission procedure**

- All essays shall be submitted at [essaycompetition@nludelhi.ac.in](mailto:essaycompetition@nludelhi.ac.in) as a **Word Document** *only* named in the following format - Title of Essay: Submission Code.
- The subject of the submission email shall be 'Submission: NLUD Essay Competition on NEP' Please mention the following details in the submission email"

### **Evaluation of the essay**

The essay should critically examine the provisions of NEP from the lens of inclusivity with respect to individuals, institutions as well as communities. The essay will be marked on the following aspects -

- Knowledge of the topic
- Development of the theme
- Structure and organisation of the essay
- Clarity of expression

- Originality
- Content and overall impact

*\*Kindly note that the anonymity of the essays will be maintained at all stages of evaluation in order to avoid any unfair practice. The decision of the jury shall be final and binding.*

### **Contact**

For any further details or queries, please write to [essaycompetition@nludelhi.ac.in](mailto:essaycompetition@nludelhi.ac.in) or [lsc@nludelhi.ac.in](mailto:lsc@nludelhi.ac.in)

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