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LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING COMPETITION, 2025

**ONLINE GAMING AND GAMBLING
(REGULATION) ACT, 2025**

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Gujarat National Law University is a statutory University established by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003. The University is recognized by the Bar Council of India and the University of Grants Commission. The University functions as a nodal agency to uplift legal education in Gujarat. The university offers teaching, research, and training programmes in law and interdisciplinary fields such as arts, commerce, science and technology, business administration, and social work at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. It is the only national law university offering integrated undergraduate law degrees in five areas, including a B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), B.S.W. LL.B. (Hons.), B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.), B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), and B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.). It also offers a full-time LL.M, an MBA in Financial Management & Business Laws and a Ph.D. in laws and other disciplines as recommended by the UGC as well as diploma/certificate courses in various areas.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The GNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences is organising the third edition of its Legislative Drafting Competition. The competition provides a remarkable opportunity for individuals to learn the nuances of legislative drafting and hone their skills in that respect. The competition will help the participants to understand the intricacies of the process of drafting from identifying the issues to striking a standard balance between the ideal and the pragmatic aspects. Legislative drafting fosters students' capacity to observe the current legal issues & lacunas and offer solutions in that regard, as well as expand the horizons of their knowledge, analytical skills, and interpretation of the law. The competition welcomes students across all law schools to participate and help in the dissemination of ideas and experiences on the prescribed topic.

ABOUT THE CENTRE

The GNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences is dedicated to specialized studies in the field of Criminal Law, wherein the main objective is to encourage research and analysis in this dynamic field of law. The centre provides a platform for a holistic research environment and aims to further knowledge and academic discussions about the multifaceted dimensions of criminal science. The centre has been a pioneer in fostering debates and discussions in the realm of criminal law with the facilitation of activities such as the discourse series among the students of the university, regular webinars, conferences, various competitions, etc. The centre also comes out with a monthly student-run newsletter dedicated to the dissemination of awareness regarding pertinent issues in the sphere of criminal law. The centre is also dedicated to working in synergy with the Police Academia Interaction Forum, the first of its kind platform in the country, facilitating academic interaction with Police personnel. The forum was set up by Gujarat Police with the participation of GNLU, with an objective to facilitate the exchange of innovation and knowledge between the academicians and police personnel. Basically, the centre has developed a network of academicians, researchers, activists, lawyers, and other professionals to work in close agreement with a cohesive environment for the overall development of criminal justice sciences.

TOPIC

Online Gaming and Gambling (Regulation) Act, 2025

THEME OF THE PROPOSED ACT

The Online Gaming and Gambling (Regulation) Act, 2025 is essential to address the growing ambiguity in the legal status of online gaming and gambling in India. Currently, most states prohibit gambling under the Public Gambling Act, 1867, but the law does not cover the rapidly expanding online gaming industry. According to a 2023 KPMG report, the online gaming industry in India is projected to reach a market size of \$8.6 billion by 2027, growing at a rate of 20% annually. This boom has brought significant challenges, including concerns about money laundering, addiction, and financial fraud. While some states have imposed bans on online gambling, the absence of a uniform national law leaves this sector in a legal grey area, leading to regulatory inconsistencies and weak consumer protection.

The growing popularity of skill-based and chance-based online gaming platforms, such as fantasy sports, poker, and betting apps, necessitates a comprehensive legal framework. A new law should differentiate between games of skill and games of chance to regulate them effectively. This distinction is critical because fantasy sports platforms, classified as games of skill, have seen rapid growth, with over 130 million users in India by 2024, according to the Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports. However, the same platforms are often used for illegal betting and gambling, underscoring the need for tighter regulations to protect consumers from fraud and exploitation.

A robust regulatory framework should be designed to ensure consumer protection, prevent illegal gambling operations, and promote responsible gaming practices. The law should clearly define and mandate licensing and registration for all online gaming operators, platforms and stakeholders to ensure they meet stringent standards of fairness, transparency, and accountability. By doing so, the law would also establish a system to track and tax digital transactions, helping curb violations of law, including money laundering, acting as a deterrent measure. In 2023, the Enforcement Directorate reported multiple cases where illegal online betting platforms were used to launder crores of rupees through offshore accounts, demonstrating the urgent need for a legal framework to prevent such financial crimes. Penal measures along with judicial procedures should be included to criminalize unauthorized betting platforms, impose heavy fines, and enable the seizure of assets involved in illegal gambling operations.

The Online Gaming and Gambling (Regulation) Act, 2025 should provide a comprehensive framework that regulates the growing online gaming industry, protects consumers, prevents financial crimes, and promotes responsible gaming. By addressing the current regulatory gaps, this law would establish a transparent, safe, and accountable environment for online gaming and gambling in India.



Registration Link

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. There will be **no registration fee**.
2. Mode of the Competition: **Online**
3. The competition will be conducted in **English**.
4. A participation request made after the registration date will not be considered unless there is a genuine reason (subject to GCRCJS' sole discretion).
5. The Legislative Bill document submission restricts any form of identification mark of the participants.
6. The file must be submitted in both Doc. or Docx. and PDF formats.
7. Submission made by the participants is to be titled '**SUBMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING COMPETITION (First Name Last Name)**', through the provided Google form.
8. 80% similarity of two or more drafts will lead to disqualification of the participants from the competition.
9. No submissions from the participants will be entertained after the due date.
10. After the conclusion of the competition, the Organiser holds every right on the draft submitted.

ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM COMPOSITION

The competition is open to all students pursuing LLM or LLB from a recognised Law College/University. The participant can register individually or in a team of not more than 2 members.

IMPORTANT DATES

LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION:

26 December 2024

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION:

10 February 2025

DECLARATION OF RESULTS:

10 April 2025



PRIZES

WINNER: 9,000

1ST RUNNER UP: 7,000

2ND RUNNER UP: 5,000

Each participant will receive a **Certificate of Participation**, and the top ten drafts will receive a **Certificate of Merit**.

FORMAT OF THE DRAFT LEGISLATION

The Draft of the Legislation should be in the following format (as and wherever applicable):



The Long Title

The Preamble

The Enacting Clause

The Short Title

Extent and Commencement Clause

Definitions

The Operative Section

Procedural Provisions

Exceptions and Exemptions Clause

Offenses

Penalties

Provisions regarding Delegated Legislation

Repealing and Saving Clause (if any)

Miscellaneous Provisions



FORMATTING GUIDELINES

1. Formatting

The text must be in Times New Roman font with a size of 12. Line spacing should be set to 1.5, and no paragraph spacing is allowed. Margins must be one inch on all sides, and the text alignment should be justified.

2. Footnotes

Footnotes should be in Times New Roman font, size 10, with single-line spacing.

3. Page Numbers and Page Limit

Page numbers must be placed at the top right-hand corner of each page. The draft must **not exceed 25** pages, excluding the cover page.

4. Cover Page Requirements

The cover page should include the long title of the bill along with the name of the author(s) and their designation.

5. Originality and Organizer's Authority

The content of the legislation must be original and should not exceed a 25% plagiarism limit. For every percentage above the limit, there will be a deduction of 1 mark. Severe plagiarism may result in disqualification. **The decision of the organizers shall be final.**

BREAKDOWN OF A SECTION

SECTION 1. ("SECTION" for 1st section and "§" for subsequent sections,

followed by Arabic numeral)

(a) (Subsection) (lower-case letter)

(1) (Paragraph) (Arabic numeral)

(A) (Subparagraph) (upper-case letter)

(i) (Clause) (lower-case Roman numeral)

(I) (Subclause) (upper-case Roman numeral)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission of the file is to be made in both Doc. or Docx. and PDF formats using the following link. Please ensure that the information you enter in the form is accurate because the same information will be used for the issuance of the certificates.



<https://forms.gle/wCaKfnQAqEkcZJtk7>

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