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NOTICE

AMENDMENT IN ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

REVISED PROJECT GUIDELINES

B.A.,LL.B. (H) & B.B.A.,LL.B. (H), 3 YEAR LL.B. (H), AND LL.M.

EFFECTIVE FROM ACADEMIC SESSION 2026-2027

(As Amended in August 2026)

In continuation of the University's earlier notification regarding the revised project guidelines, and with a view to furthering academic rigour while recognising exceptional and substantive academic, research, advocacy and institutional contributions made by students, the following consolidated scheme for exemption from prescribed semester projects shall apply to all PG and UG programmes of the University i.e. B.A.,LL.B. (H) & B.B.A.,LL.B. (H), 3 Year LL.B. (H), and LL.M. are to be implemented with effect from the ongoing odd Semester (June/July-November 2026).

Exemption from the project work under the revised scheme for Academic and Research Achievements, Moot Court Memorials, Published Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters and Substantive Contribution to University Projects shall be subject to the conditions and procedures specified below:

I- EXEMPTIONS ON THE BASIS OF RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AND MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS

1.1. Exemption from All Prescribed Projects in the Semester

A student shall be eligible for exemption from all the six (6) or five (5) prescribed projects, as the case may be, in a particular semester upon achieving any of the following:

- a. Publication of a research paper in a SCOPUS Q1 indexed journal; or
- b. Receipt of the Best Moot Court Memorial Award at the International Round in prestigious international moot court competitions, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition;
 - Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot;
 - ICC Moot Court Competition;



- Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition;
- Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition; or
- Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

1.2. Exemption from Four (4) Prescribed Projects

A student shall be eligible for exemption from four (4) projects upon achieving any of the following:

- a. Publication of a research paper in a SCOPUS Q2 indexed journal or a Web of Science indexed journal; or
- b. Receipt of the Best Moot Court Memorial Award at the National Round of prestigious international moot court competitions, including those mentioned in Clause 1 above.

1.3. Exemption from Three (3) Prescribed Projects

A student shall be eligible for exemption from three (3) projects upon achieving any of the following:

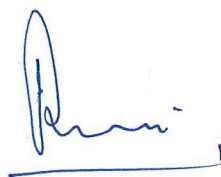
- a. Publication of a research paper in a SCOPUS Q3 indexed journal; or
- b. Receipt of the Best Memorial Award in a national moot court competition organised by or under the aegis of the Bar Council of India, any National Law University, Surana & Surana, the Competition Commission of India, the National Human Rights Commission, K. K. Luthra, or another comparable national-level competition recognised by the University.

1.4. Exemption from Two (2) Prescribed Projects

A student shall be eligible for exemption from two (2) projects upon achieving any of the following:

- a. Publication of a research paper in a SCOPUS Q4 indexed journal;
- b. Publication of a research paper in a recognised NLU Journal or the Journal of the Indian Law Institute;
- c. Publication of a peer-reviewed book chapter in an edited academic volume published by a recognised academic, university or established scholarly publisher, subject to the student furnishing satisfactory proof of publication and peer review;
- d. Receipt of the Best Memorial Award in any other recognised national moot court competition;
- e. Receipt of the Best Researcher Award in a national judgment writing competition; or
- f. Receipt of an award or equivalent recognition in a national PIL drafting competition.

For the purposes of this clause, the University may determine whether the journal, edited volume, publisher, competition or award is of sufficient academic or national standing to qualify for exemption.



II- EXEMPTIONS FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO UNIVERSITY PROJECTS AND RESEARCH INITIATIVES

In recognition of substantive work undertaken by students in University-sponsored, University-recognised or other approved academic and research projects, students may also be granted exemption from prescribed semester projects in accordance with the following provisions.

2.1. Eligibility

A student seeking exemption under this category must establish that he or she has made a demonstrable and substantial contribution to the concerned project or initiative.

Both completed and ongoing projects may be considered for the purpose of exemption, provided that the student's contribution and work output can be satisfactorily established.

Mere association with, enrolment in, or nominal participation in a project shall not by itself entitle a student to claim exemption.

2.2. Basis for Assessment

The exemption shall be determined primarily with reference to the student's actual academic, research and written contribution to the project.

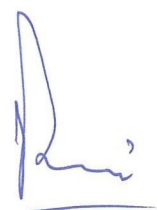
The concerned Project Coordinator or Faculty Member shall assess, among other relevant factors:

- a. the nature and extent of the student's substantive contribution;
- b. the quality and quantity of the student's written output, including research notes, literature reviews, reports, drafts, analytical papers, policy documents, project reports, or other comparable work;
- c. the student's research output, including the extent and quality of research undertaken, sources examined, data or materials collected and analysed, and other demonstrable scholarly contribution;
- d. the scale, complexity and duration of the work performed;
- e. the degree of originality, intellectual contribution and responsibility undertaken by the student; and
- f. the relevance of the student's work to the overall objectives and deliverables of the project.

2.3. Recommendation by the Project Coordinator

The concerned Faculty Member or Project Coordinator shall issue a certificate to the student specifying:

- a. the project or initiative in which the student was involved;
- b. the period of the student's involvement;
- c. the nature and extent of the student's contribution;
- d. the written and research output produced by the student; and



- e. the number of prescribed semester projects from which the student is recommended for exemption, having regard to the assessment criteria stated above.

Note: The recommendation shall ordinarily not exceed three (3) projects in a semester. The certificate and recommendation must be supported by such documentary material as may reasonably establish the student's contribution.

2.4. Choice of Projects for Exemption

Where an exemption is approved under this category, the student shall be entitled to identify the particular prescribed semester projects from which he or she seeks exemption, subject to the number of exemptions finally approved.

The student shall communicate such choice to the concerned academic authorities within the period prescribed by the University.

2.5. Final Approval

A recommendation made by a Faculty Member or Project Coordinator shall not by itself confer an exemption.

Every claim for exemption under this category, together with the recommendation, certificate and supporting material, shall be placed before the Vice-Chancellor for final consideration and approval.

The Vice-Chancellor may, having regard to the academic merits of the claim and the materials placed on record:

- a. approve the recommended exemption;
- b. approve exemption in respect of a lesser number of projects;
- c. modify the recommendation; or
- d. reject the claim.

The decision of the Vice-Chancellor in this regard shall be final.

2.6. Period of Contribution and Availing of Exemption

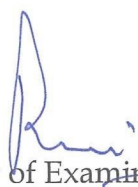
Work undertaken by a student in a project during the immediately preceding semester may be considered for grant of exemption from projects prescribed in the current semester. Similarly, substantive work undertaken during the current semester may be considered for exemption from projects prescribed in the same semester, subject to the student satisfying all other conditions under this scheme. An exemption shall ordinarily be claimed in the semester immediately following the semester in which the qualifying work was completed, unless otherwise approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

III- GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL EXEMPTIONS

- 3.1 A student seeking exemption on the basis of a research publication, book chapter, moot court memorial or other recognised achievement shall furnish satisfactory documentary proof of the publication, award or achievement.



- 3.2 A student claiming exemption on the basis of a research paper or published peer-reviewed book chapter is required to appear for a viva-voce examination before the concerned faculty member(s) in respect of the course for which exemption is sought.
- 3.3 In the case of a moot court memorial or other advocacy-related work, the student may similarly be required to appear for a viva-voce examination concerning the memorial/other advocacy-related work and his or her contribution thereto.
- 3.4 Where a publication or book chapter has more than one author, the University may examine the nature and extent of the student's individual contribution before granting the exemption.
- 3.5 For purposes of research publications and peer-reviewed book chapters, the qualifying work may have been published either during the existing semester or during the immediately preceding semester, subject to the student not having already received an exemption for the same work.
- 3.6 No student shall claim multiple or repeated exemptions for the same research paper, book chapter, memorial, project output or substantially identical work.
- 3.7 Grant of exemption from prescribed project work shall not exempt a student from the University's applicable attendance requirements, viva-voce requirements or other mandatory academic obligations, unless specifically notified otherwise.
- 3.8 The University reserves the right to call for additional documents, verify any claim, assess the quality and authenticity of the work submitted, or reject a claim where the academic or factual basis for exemption is not satisfactorily established.
- 3.9 The University further reserves the power, through the Vice-Chancellor or such authority as may be competent under the University rules, to approve, modify or reject any claim for exemption on academic or administrative grounds.
- 3.10 In the event of any doubt regarding the applicability, interpretation or implementation of this scheme, the matter shall be placed before the Vice-Chancellor, whose decision shall be final.
- 3.11 Any student not eligible for an exemption under the above scheme shall submit all the prescribed projects and appear in project presentations as per the applicable academic regulations.



Controller of Examinations

Submitted for kind perusal and approval of Hon'ble Vice -Chancellor