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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: LEGAL FELLOW

PROJECT NYAYA SEWA FELLOWSHIP

The National Law Institute University, Bhopal, under the Project Nyaya Sewa Fellowship Programme, NLIU, Bhopal for Legal Aid to under-trials and Continuing Legal Education, invites applications from interested and eligible candidates for engagement as:

Position	: Legal Fellow
Nature of appointment	: Contract basis
Number of Vacancy	: 5 Posts
Contract Period	: 3 Years (renewable on an annual basis based on performance appraisal and project requirements).
Consolidated salary	: Rs. 40,000/- per month.
Preferable age	: Under 35 years as on 30 th April 2026.
Location	: Bhopal/Sehore (M.P.)

Note: The Fellow may require field visits to the project areas as and when required.

The last date for receipt of application: 30th April 2026.

About Project Nyaya Sewa:

Project Nyaya Sewa is a legal action and intervention initiative dedicated to strengthening access to legal aid, promoting fair trial rights, and ensuring justice for undertrial prisoners and marginalised communities within the criminal justice system. The project seeks to bridge systemic gaps between law and lived realities, particularly for those who remain unheard and unrepresented.

The initiative operates at the intersection of legal research, policy advocacy, capacity building, and grassroots engagement, with a focused commitment to improving both access to justice and the quality of legal representation.

About the Programme:

Project Nyaya Sewa Fellowship Programme ('The Programme') is an opportunity for young lawyers and social workers to provide quality legal representation to undertrial prisoners.



The Programme mentors a group of young professionals to collaborate with the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority to ensure fair trials for undertrial prisoners at both the pre-trial and trial stages. The Programme's twin goals are to reduce the undertrial population in prisons and to strengthen the legal aid system in Madhya Pradesh. To this end, the programme includes both training and litigation components.

About the Position:

This is a project position on a contractual basis exclusively for the Project Nyaya Sewa undertaken by NLIU, Bhopal in collaboration with Azim Premji Foundation. The maximum duration of the position will be commensurate with the duration of the project. The initial appointment will be for a period of one year and further extendable on yearly basis for a period of 03 years, subject to continued project requirements and satisfactory performance. The incumbent on this project position will not be entitled to claim any employment with NLIU, Bhopal or Azim Premji Foundation under any circumstances. There will not be any employer – employee relationship with NLIU, Bhopal, for any purposes. The incumbent will report to the Programme Director of this project for all purposes. The employee has to submit an affidavit to this purpose and sign an agreement of services. The services may be discontinued with a one-month notice at any point in time without assigning any reason.

Role of Legal Fellows:

- A. Visiting prison with the duty counsels/lawyers of the DLSA, Social Workers and sometimes alone for providing legal aid/ counselling to undertrials requiring legal aid/guidance.
- B. Co-ordinating with Social Worker /DLSA Authority /Prison Department to ensure allocation of DLSA Panel Lawyer for under trials who do not have any legal representation or whose cases are not being followed up by DLSA Lawyers.
- C. Assisting panel lawyer of the DLSA for bail, modification of bail/reduction of bail in lower, Session and High Court, when bail application is either rejected or is onerous in nature.
- D. Regular prison & court visits to select undertrial prisoners on behalf of the DLSA.
- E. Assisting the DLSA panel lawyer and consulting mentors in drafting bail applications.
- F. Organising and conducting training workshops and conferences with the help and guidance of staff, mentors and DLSA Authority.
- G. Reviewing documents brought on record in a case, and providing research support to assist the DLSA Panel Lawyer concerned.
- H. Documentation and reporting as per the needs of the programme.
- I. Following up on ongoing cases in court and updating the under-trial prisoner and/or the family members concerned.

Qualifications/Experience.

- A. Graduate with an LL.B. degree or a 5-year LL.B. integrated course degree.



- B. Sanad (License to Practice) for practising in M.P.
- C. Experience of drafting a bail application.
- D. Proficiency in reading, writing and speaking Hindi and English will be given preference.
- E. Familiarity with the use of MS-Office, emails and the internet.
- F. Prior experience in a similar field of work or work with the District Legal Services Authority or NGO is desirable.
- G. Ability to work effectively in teams as well as independently.
- H. Preference may be given to lawyers with 2 years of legal practice.
- I. During the contract period, Fellow shall not take up any other employment without the prior permission of the employer.

Application Process: Interested persons are required to fill out the **Google Form** via Google Link: <https://forms.gle/eBirKdMQubnz6yxP7>

Selection Process:

Shortlisted candidates will be called for the selection process, which will be held in Bhopal. The selection process will include a Written Test (to assess the knowledge and application of Law/managerial skills) and an interview. The shortlisted candidates shall be informed of the next round in the selection process via email.

Deadline:

Applications received after 11:59 PM on 30th April 2026 will not be considered.

Note:

1. National Law Institute University, Bhopal, is an equal opportunity employer.
2. Programme ensures access to legal representation for prisoners regardless of the offence.
3. National Law Institute University, Bhopal, reserves the right to conduct interviews and not fill these positions.
4. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted via email.
5. No TA/DA will be paid to the candidates for the selection process.
6. This is not an advertisement for regular government service.
7. The Programme Director has the right to remove a person in case of his/her work and conduct are not found satisfactory after due approval of the Vice Chancellor of the University.

These positions shall be paid under the grant received from the Azim Premji Foundation.

**Registrar
NLIU Bhopal**



