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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: COORDINATOR-PRISON WORK (PW)

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	: Coordinator-Prison Work (PW)
Nature of Appointment	: Contract basis
Number of Vacancy	: 01 Post
Contract Period	: 3 Years (renewable on an annual basis based on performance appraisal and project requirements).
Consolidated Salary	: Rs. 60,000/- per month.
Preferable Age	: Under 35 years as on 30 th April 2026.
Location	: Bhopal (M.P.)

Note: The Coordinator 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 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 research 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 of time without assigning any reason.

About the Role:

The Coordinator will be responsible for the overall implementation and monitoring of the Programme in Bhopal. The engagement will be for three years, and the contract will be renewed annually. The renewal will be subject to satisfactory performance

The Coordinator will work with the Programme Director and Deputy Directors to achieve the Programme's objectives. The following functions are indicative of the responsibilities involved:

- A. Work towards the implementation of the Programme design and advancement of the overall objectives of the project.
- B. Implement the public outreach frameworks to ensure that the aims of the programme are fulfilled.
- C. Coordinate with relevant stakeholders including District and State Legal Service Authorities, members of the judiciary, prison authorities, lawyers, criminal law experts and other stakeholders to ensure effective implementation of the programme.
- D. Implement the review and assessment mechanisms required for the smooth functioning of the programme.
- E. Ensure achievement of outcome and targets of the programme, monitor progress of work and suggest course correction as and when required.
- F. Work with the team to discuss progress of the work and overall implementation strategy.
- G. Responsible for administrative coordination between teams and ensuring the smooth running of day-to-day activities.
- H. Coordinate with the Finance and Administrative team and supervise administrative and financial functions relating to the Programme, including procurements, contractual engagements and human resource management and ensure compliance of all activities within the framework applicable to the University.
- I. Responsible for writing periodic reports, research reports and creating visibility of the programme, including writing and speaking commitments.



- J. Coordinate with the Programme Director and Deputy Directors for update of work progress, periodic reviews, discussing implementation strategy and course correction as per programme needs.
- K. Any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of the 'Project Nyaya Sewa Fellowship' programme.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- A. Graduate with an LL.B. degree or a 5-year LL.B. integrated course degree.
- B. Proficiency in reading, writing and speaking Hindi and English will be given preference.
- C. Candidates with an LL.M. degree or a postgraduate degree in subjects related to the Programme will be preferred.
- D. Minimum of three years of experience working in programmes on criminal justice/legal aid support will be desirable.
- E. The above qualifications may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances.

Application Process: Interested persons are required to fill out the **Google Form** via Google Link: <https://forms.gle/j9723njQboLBXiVt5> must attach their resume and a statement of purpose explaining their role and interest in working on this programme. The Statement of Purpose (SOP) must not exceed 750 words.

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**



