



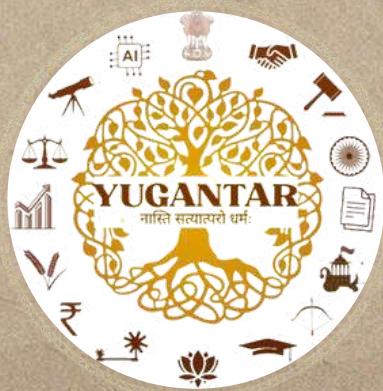
YUGANTAR

नास्ति सत्यात्परो धर्मः

Reclaiming Bharat's Legal & Governance Thought

NYĀYA LAB

“A Yugantar Justice Sprint”



About the Competition

Nyāya Lab is a rapid innovation laboratory of ideas where participants design radical, indigenous, and future-ready justice models rooted in Bharatiya civilisational thought. It is a two-day justice sprint where participants imagine systems of justice for a Yugantar moment, for when borrowed courts fail and civilisation must lead.

This is not a debate, paper, or policy brief. It is a laboratory for idea experimentation that is short, sharp & brave. “Not what the law is but what justice could be”.



Why Nyaya Lab?

- To move beyond colonial legal imagination
- To reclaim indigenous ideas of Nyāya, Dharma, and social harmony
- To design justice systems, not merely argue laws
- To think like state-builders, not litigants
- To confront the future with civilizational confidence



Competition Format

Duration	2 Days
Mode	Offline
Team size	2 members
Total teams	Limited

Shortlisting Criteria

- Day 1: Ideation & Written Submission
- Day 2: Final Pitch (Shortlisted Teams)

What you will do:

1. Register as a team
2. Attend the Nyāya Lab briefing
(Day 1)
3. Receive the Yugantar problem statement
4. Design a justice system that is:
 - Fair
 - Legitimate
 - Accountable
 - Rooted in Indian civilizational thought

1. Submit your idea (Day 1)
2. Pitch before jury (Day 2 – shortlisted teams)

Who can Participate:

- Law students
- Policy and governance students
- Researchers and thinkers
- Students interested in justice, ethics and statecraft

Prior legal expertise is not required

Nyaya Lab- Rule Sheet

The competition focuses on justice (Nyaya), not statutory law or adversarial litigation.

1. TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each team must consist of 2 members only.
- Solo participation is not permitted.
- A participant may be part of only one team.

2. REGISTRATION

- Registration must be completed online before the deadline.
- Slots are limited; shortlisting may apply.
- Teams must register together (individual registrations will not be considered).
- Registration once confirmed cannot be altered.



3. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Day 1 – Ideation & Submission

- The Yugantar problem statement will be revealed on Day 1.
- Teams will be given 25–30 minutes for on-the-spot ideation i.e. think and write
- You may only use pen, paper and your collective conscience
- Teams must submit a written concept note (maximum 2 pages) by the end of the session.
- No oral presentations/PPT presentation will take place on Day 1.

Day 2 – Final Pitch (Shortlisted Teams)

- A limited number of teams will be shortlisted based on Day 1 submissions.
- Shortlisted teams will present their justice model before a jury.
- PPT must be shared prior to the pitch.

Each team will be given:

8 minutes for presentation

3 minutes for jury questions

4. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES (DAY 1)

The written submission must answer:

- Name of the Team
- What is your justice model called?
- What civilizational idea does it draw from?
- How does justice happen — step by step?
- Who ensures that justice itself does not become tyranny?

Write clearly. Write honestly.

Submission Rules:

- Maximum length: Two pages
- Handwritten paper and digital submissions (PDF) on the Organizer WhatsApp group are allowed and compulsory.
- No citations or case-law references are required.

5. PRESENTATION GUIDELINES (DAY 2)

- Slides are mandatory and encouraged.
- Slides must be minimal and submitted in advance.
- Teams must speak in simple, clear language understandable to the general public.
- Excessive legal jargon will be negatively marked.

6. USE OF MATERIALS

- Permitted during ideation:
Pen, paper and your collective conscience
- Prohibited during ideation:
Mobile phones
Internet access, AI tools
Violation may lead to disqualification.

7. JUDGING CRITERIA

Teams will be evaluated on:

- Indigenous grounding of ideas
- Originality and courage of thought
- Clarity of the justice process

- Practical feasibility
- Coherence and articulation

The decision of the jury shall be final and binding.

8. CODE OF CONDUCT

- Participants must maintain decorum and respect all viewpoints.
- Plagiarism or copying of existing models will lead to disqualification.
- Any form of disruptive behaviour may result in removal from the competition.

9. ORGANISERS' DISCRETION

The organisers reserve the right to:

- Modify rules if necessary
- Limit the number of shortlisted teams
- Resolve any unforeseen issues

All decisions taken by the organisers shall be final and binding.

Awards:

- Winner (Nyaya Lab Laureate) - ₹3,000
- 1st Runner-Up (Civilisational Justice Vision Award) – ₹2,000
- 2nd Runner-Up (Emerging Nyaya Thinker) – ₹1,000

Price Pool: ₹6,000

Entry fee: ₹600

DEADLINE: 15th February

**Kindly make the payment via
the Registration link!**

Registration Link



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FAQ

1. Is Nyāya Lab a debate or moot?

No.

Nyāya Lab is not a debate, moot, or paper presentation.

There are no opposing sides. You are expected to design justice, not defend positions.

2. Do we need to cite case laws or statutes?

No.

Heavy reliance on case laws, foreign jurisprudence, or legal jargon is discouraged.

You may refer to Indian ideas, practices, or philosophies in your own words.

3. Is prior legal knowledge necessary?

No.

Nyāya Lab values clarity of thought and ethical reasoning, not technical legal expertise.

Students from law, policy, social sciences, and other disciplines are welcome.

4. Can we use technology or AI in our model?

Yes — but carefully.

Technology may assist justice, but cannot replace moral judgment, accountability, or human responsibility.

Purely tech-driven solutions without ethical checks will be marked down.



5. Are slides mandatory for the final pitch?

Yes.

Slides are mandatory and encouraged.

Clear spoken explanation is preferred.
slides used must be minimal.

6. Can we use phones or the internet during ideation?

No.

Use of mobile phones, internet, or AI tools during the Day 1 ideation period is prohibited.
Violation may lead to disqualification.

7. What should our Day 1 submission contain?

Maximum two pages, clearly mentioning:

1. Name of your justice model
2. Indigenous inspiration
3. Step-by-step justice process
4. Accountability mechanism

8. How many teams will be shortlisted?

A limited number of teams will be shortlisted for Day 2. The exact number depends on the quality of submissions.

9. What language can we present in?

English is preferred.

Simple Hindi or bilingual explanations are acceptable if clarity is maintained.

9. How are winners decided?

Based on:

- Indigenous grounding
- Originality
- Clarity of justice
- Accountability
- Practical imagination

The jury's decision is final.



10. Is winning the only outcome?

No.

All participants receive certificates.

Selected ideas may be featured in the Pravah Compendium or future conclave discussions.

11. What mindset should we bring?

Come prepared to:

- Question inherited systems
- Think ethically, not defensively
- Imagine justice for people, not institutions

*Nyāya is not about being right.
It is about being responsible.*

