

NATIONWIDE PRO BONO CONCLAVE

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PRO BONO AS SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTION: ROLE OF UNIVERSITY IN ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND SOCIAL CHANGE

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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

Presidency University, Bengaluru, a NAAC 'A' accredited and globally recognized institution, is a leader in academic excellence, research, and innovation. Established in 2013 by the Presidency Group of Institutions, the University has swiftly evolved into one of India's most respected higher education destinations.

Offering diverse programs in Engineering, Computer Science, Information Science, Management, Law, Design, Media Studies, Commerce, Sciences, Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Allied Health Sciences, Presidency University combines academic rigor with practical application. Its research-driven pedagogy, strong industry collaborations, and global exposure prepare students for leadership in an interconnected world.

A distinguished faculty of scholars and practitioners nurtures a culture of innovation, critical thinking, and integrity. Every student is encouraged to embrace values of discipline, professionalism, and global responsibility, ensuring they emerge as competent professionals and ethical leaders.

Global Recognitions

- QS I-GAUGE Gold rating for overall excellence
- 6th Rank in the Times Engineering Institute Survey
- Best University of the Year (South) by ASSOCHAM

With its strong foundation and international outlook, Presidency University continues to shape leaders of tomorrow, setting benchmarks in education that resonate beyond borders.

PRO BONO CLUB





PRESIDENCY SCHOOL OF LAW

Presidency School of Law (PSOL), Bengaluru, established in 2015, is a premier institution dedicated to delivering rigorous and contemporary legal education while nurturing professionals with competence, integrity, and leadership. The School offers a wide spectrum of programmes, including five-year integrated undergraduate honours degrees- B.A. LL.B. (H) & BBA LL.B. (H) with specialization in Constitutional Law, Business Law, Crime and Criminology, and Intellectual Property Law; postgraduate specialisations - LL.M. in IPR and Technology Law, International Law, Criminal Law, Corporate Law, and Constitutional & Administrative Law; and Doctoral research programmes aligned with the evolving demands of the legal profession.

With a well-structured curriculum designed to strengthen legal knowledge, research, and analytical skills, PSOL combines academic excellence with experiential learning and clinical exposure. Students benefit from the guidance of a distinguished faculty of scholars and practitioners, supported by state-of-the-art facilities such as a fully equipped law library, e-learning resources, research centres, and advanced moot court and advocacy training halls.

PSOL also hosts a range of dynamic academic and co-curricular committees including the Moot Court Society, ADR Committee, Corporate Law Committee, Constitutional Law Committee, and IPR & Technology Law Committee that sharpen advocacy, leadership, and research abilities through national and international events. The initiatives like the Legal Aid Clinic and Pro Bono Club provide opportunities to engage with real-life cases, advance social justice, and serve underprivileged communities. With strong industry tie-ups ensuring excellent internships and placements, and global exposure through international collaborations, guest lectures, and exchange programmes, students are prepared to thrive in diverse legal landscapes.

Consistently ranked among India's leading law schools, PSOL has earned prestigious national recognition for its excellence and impact. It was honoured as the Best Emerging Law College in India in the India Today Best Colleges 2025 Survey, awarded an AAA+ Rating by Careers360 India's Best Law Colleges 2025, ranked among the Top 4 Law Colleges in Karnataka in the CSR Rankings 2024, and secured the 16th position nationally in the IIRF Rankings 2023. With its unwavering focus on innovation, interdisciplinary learning, and societal engagement, PSOL stands as a distinguished destination for aspiring legal professionals and future leaders, empowering students to contribute meaningfully to law, policy-making, and social transformation.

PRO BONO CLUB

The Pro Bono Club (PBC) at Presidency University is a dynamic student-led initiative aligned with the Department of Justice's Nyaya Bandhu Programme, launched in 2017 to connect advocates with communities in need of legal assistance. Established at Presidency School of Law in 2022, The Pro Bono Club seeks to cultivate a culture of service and social responsibility among budding legal professionals by engaging them in meaningful legal assistance to diverse communities in need. Its core aim is to bridge the gap between legal rights and access to justice through student-led initiatives.

The Club's initiatives are aimed at fostering a lifelong commitment to social responsibility. Since its inception nearly three years ago, our students, referred to as Pro Bono Associates, have consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership and organisational abilities through the successful execution of numerous outreach programmes and events. These include the organisation of symposiums, rural awareness campaigns, jail visits, regional-level conferences, and legal discussions, among others.

By merging academia with meaningful community engagement, the Pro Bono Club aims to shape the country's future lawyers into compassionate advocates and active contributors to an equitable society.



PAST EVENTS



Symposium on 75 Years of the Supreme Court of India and Constitutionalism, 7th March 2025



Parapana Agrahara Central Jail Visit, on 19th October, 2023.



VIDHI KA VIDHAN – A Pro Bono Trial Advocacy Competition on the 12th of May, 2023, at Presidency School of Law, Bengaluru.



Jan Sunwai, in collaboration with the Legal Aid Cell of the Presidency School of Law, conducted on 15th October, 2022.



ABOUT THE CONCLAVE

The legal profession carries with it a profound responsibility to promote justice, equality, and service to society. Pro bono work lies at the heart of this responsibility, enabling legal practitioners to extend their expertise to communities that may otherwise remain excluded from the justice system. Cultivating this ethic during the formative years of legal education ensures that law students develop not only professional competence but also a lifelong commitment to public service.

Recognising the pivotal role of universities in fostering such values, the Presidency School of Law, through its Pro Bono Club, is organising the **Nationwide Pro Bono Conclave**. This platform will bring together pro bono associates from law schools across India to share their initiatives, learn from expert guidance, and network with peers equally committed to expanding access to justice.

The theme for the Conclave is **Pro Bono as Scholarship in Action: Role of University in Access to Justice and Social Change**. This theme explores how universities have integrated pro bono legal service into their core mission of teaching and research, treating service not merely as extracurricular charity but as a scholarly pursuit that generates knowledge, fosters professional responsibility, addresses societal inequities and facilitates social change.

Through this theme, the Conclave will highlight the potential of academic institutions in bringing students, faculty, and experts together to inspire community-driven legal interventions. By framing pro bono work as both a pedagogical tool and a form of scholarship, this approach underscores the transformative role of universities in cultivating socially conscious lawyers and expanding access to justice for marginalized communities.

Format of the Conclave:

The conclave will be constituted of three parts:

1. Part 1 – Inauguration and Expert Engagement
2. Part 2 – Student Team Presentations
 - Presentations by participating Pro Bono teams showcasing their work over the last two years.
 - Expert deliberations on impact, sustainability, innovation, and outreach.
3. Part 3 – Closing Ceremony, Awards (Cash Prize) and Recognition.

NOTE: The Presentations ought to be based on a brief Summary Report to be submitted by the Participating Teams before the Conclave.

Eligibility:

The Nationwide Pro Bono Conclave is open to **Pro Bono Associates** and **members of Pro Bono Clubs** from law universities and colleges across India. Students currently enrolled in Three-year LL.B., Five-year Integrated LL.B., or LL.M. programmes associated with Pro Bono Cells/Clubs engaged in variety of legal aid, community service, and social justice activities are welcome.





PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- Open to all law schools with Pro Bono Cells/Clubs.
- Teams must comprise of **3 members** (it can be 3 students, or 2 students accompanied by 1 Faculty Member).
- **Registration Fee for the Team: Rs 1500**
- Lunch & High-Tea shall be served to all participants

Submission and Formatting Guidelines for Summary Report

All participating teams are required to submit a **Summary Report** of their Pro Bono Cell's activities for the **past two years**. On the basis of the report, teams will be expected to make presentations. The report should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Word Limit

The report must be between **800-1000** words (excluding references, annexures, and photographs).

2. Structure and Contents

The report should be organised under the following headings:

- **Title Page** – Name of the Institution, Name of the Pro Bono Cell, Names of Team Members, Contact Details.
- **Introduction** – Brief overview of the Cell/Committee, its objectives, and vision.
- **Nature of Activities Undertaken** – Description of major pro bono initiatives undertaken during the last two academic years.
- **Impact and Outcomes** – Achievements, impact, beneficiaries, noteworthy contribution and partnerships if any.
- **Innovation and Best Practices** – Any innovative approaches or methods adopted.
- **Supporting Evidence** – Geotagged Photographs (included in annexures).
- **Conclusion** – Brief summary of future plans.

3. Formatting Requirements

- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Font Size:** 12 pt for body text, 14 pt bold for headings
- **Line Spacing:** 1.5
- **Alignment:** Justified
- **Margins:** 1 inch on all sides
- **File Format:** PDF only
- **File Name:** InstitutionName_SummaryReport

4. Citation Style

- References must follow **20th Bluebook citation style**.
- A References section must be included at the end, listing all cited sources.

5. Presentation Format

Each participating team will be allotted a total of **10 minutes** to present their Pro Bono initiatives, followed by Q/A with the Experts.

Participants are encouraged to **prepare concise and impactful presentations, supported by relevant visuals or documentation**, to effectively convey their contributions. Time limits will be strictly enforced to ensure equal opportunity for all teams. Participants are encouraged to explore innovative and creative methods in their presentation.

6. Judging Criteria

The presentations will be evaluated by Expert(s) on the basis of the following parameters:

- **Relevance and Objectives** – Clarity of the initiative's purpose and alignment with Pro Bono and access-to-justice goals.
- **Scope and Activities** – Diversity, innovation, and quality of activities undertaken.
- **Impact and Outcomes** – Tangible results achieved, outreach, and measurable benefits to the community.
- **Sustainability and Continuity** – Potential for long-term impact and ongoing engagement.
- **Presentation and Communication** – Clarity, coherence, and effectiveness of the presentation within the allotted time.

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/CqBHm7h9rdCE7HAQA>

Registration Fee Payment: <https://p.ppsl.io/PYTMPS/RB2v6k>



ACCOLADES



Winning Teams of the competition will be provided with free access to courses worth ₹10,000 and each participant will receive a 20% fee waiver on The Legal Voice courses.

EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATES for winning teams.

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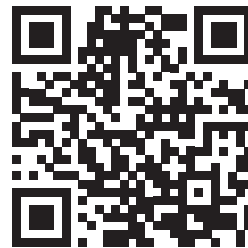
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Airport:

Kempegowda International Airport to Presidency University- 23.2 km. Cabs and Vajra Vayu buses are easily available for transportation.

Train Stations:

- Yelahanka Railway Station to Presidency University- 14.9 km
- Yeshwantpur Railway Station to Presidency University- 25.4 km
- SMVT Bengaluru Railway Station to Presidency University- 28.8 km
- Majestic Railway Station (also known as SBC or KSR) to Presidency University- 34.2 km

Bus Stops:

- Rajanukunte • NES Office
- Hebbal • Majestic

Note:

Bus No. 285M connects all the mentioned stops.

For any queries or clarifications regarding transportation facilities please contact,

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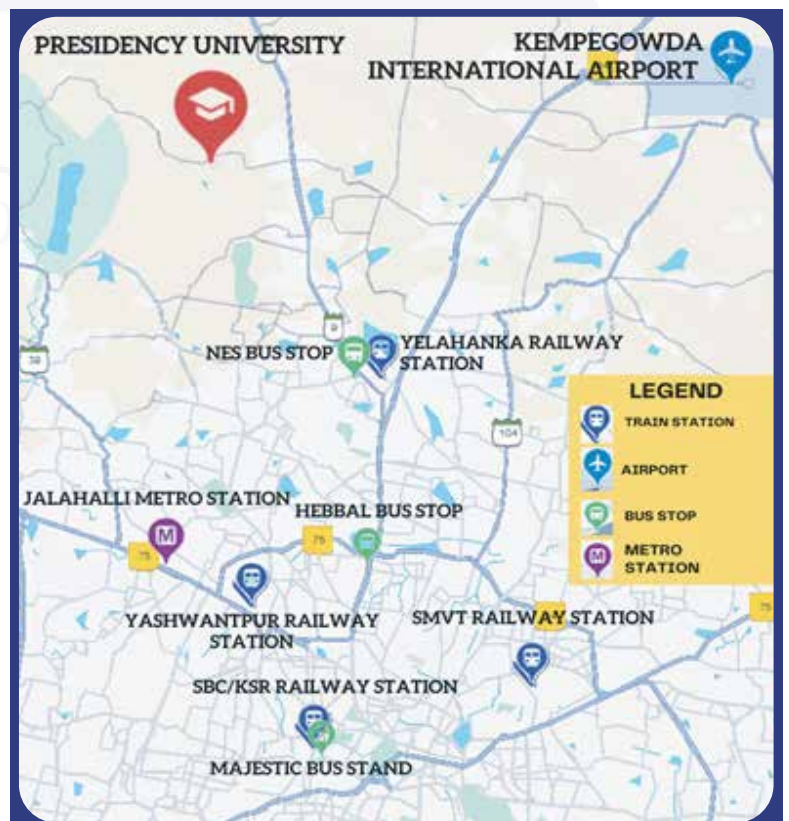
Metro Stations:

- Jalahalli Metro Station
- Majestic Metro Station

For more detailed metro routes and maps, please refer to the Namma Metro app for further details.

Tourist Attractions to Explore in Bengaluru:

1. Vidhan Soudha (The Seat of Karnataka State Legislature)
2. Bengaluru Palace
3. Cubbon Park
4. Lalbagh Botanical Garden
5. Commercial Street and Church Street
6. Higginbothams
(One of the oldest Bookstores in Bengaluru).





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