

Dear Students,

Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow (RMLNLU) has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy (Vidhi) to up a chapter of the Kautilya Society at RMLNLU.

A. About Vidhi

Vidhi is an independent think-tank engaged in legal research to make better laws and improve governance for the public good. Vidhi's vision is to democratize access to public policy training as a whole, and legislative drafting and analysis in particular.

B. About Kautilya Society

To meet the aforesaid objective, Vidhi has been successfully running an initiative, called the Kautilya Society in different law schools of India, including NLSIU (Bengaluru), NUJS (Kolkata), NALSAR (Hyderabad) and NLU Odisha. Through the Kautilya Society chapters, Vidhi aims to provide students with practical experience in legal research and writing, and to promote public policy as a legitimate career path among young law students.

The Kautilya Society, RMLNLU chapter aims to:

1. Provide a platform to young law students to participate in, and contribute to public policy discourse.
2. Enable students to access real-world legislative analysis and drafting.
3. Empower young minds to explore career opportunities and excel in the field of public policy and law.

C. Mandate of the Kautilya Society, RMLNLU

In terms of the MoU with Vidhi, the broad mandate of the Kautilya Society at RMLNLU includes:

1. Conducting legal research to identify gaps in law, policy, governance or regulation (including issues pertaining to state governance). This could take the form of providing comments on any proposed legislation or policy or producing an independent research report.
2. Hosting events in relation to legislative drafting or other issues which require the attention of policymakers
3. Hosting talks/discussions in relation to recent legal policy developments;
4. Assisting the Nyaaya team at Vidhi to conduct primary field research on Nyaaya content topics.

D. Call for Application:

For the constitution of the Kautilya Society at RMLNLU, applications are hereby invited from the academic Year 2020-2021. The society will operate with a limited number of student members, who will be chosen through this call for application. Interested students are requested to email to kautilyasocietyrmlnlu@gmail.com with the following:

1. Curriculum Vitae (Highlight your current engagement with other student committees/centre)
2. Statement of purpose (not exceeding 500 words) which should specifically address which should include your vision and plan of action for Kautilya Society, RMLNLU Chapter and how you can contribute to achieving the objective of the Kautilya Society.

The applications will be evaluated by the faculty advisors from RMLNLU and one official (Mentor) from Vidhi.

We look forward to welcoming enthusiastic and dedicated students with a keen interest in public policy in this new venture at RMLNLU.

Last Date of Application:- December 31, 2020

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