

**TWO-DAY TRAINING PROGRAM ON LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING FOR
OFFICERS/ OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH
(28-29 SEPTEMBER 2024)**

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow organised a two day training programme on Legislative Drafting for Officers/ Officials of Government of Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ICPS), New Delhi on 28-29 September, 2024. The program was organised with a view to capacity building of the officials with respect to the intricacies of legislative drafting, empowering them to navigate the complexities of legislative drafting. A total of more than 150 participants from several governmental organisations participated in this training program. The program consisted of lectures and interactive sessions with eminent legal experts and also hands-on drafting session.

Objective of the Program: The objectives of the training program were-

- to provide officers of Government of Uttar Pradesh an in-depth understanding of legislative drafting principles and techniques;
- to equip participants with the skills required to draft effective, clear and concise legislations that promote democratic governance and uphold rule of law.
- to upgrade and enhance the legislative drafting skills according to the recent technological developments.



Venue and Date: The training was organised at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University from 28th -29th September 2024.

Day 1

Inaugural Ceremony: The program was inaugurated with the lightening of the lamp by the dignitaries present. The program begun with the welcome address by the Program Director, Dr. Prem Kumar Gautam who welcomed all the dignitaries and participants who graced the session. Keynote addresses were delivered by Head of the Department Dr. A.P Singh and also by Dr. Manish Singh. Mrs. Seema Kaul Singh, Director ICPS gave introduction to the training program and an overview of the relevance of the program.



Session 1: The first session titled “Basic Rules and Techniques of Legislative Drafting” was taken by Dr. Alok Kumar Yadav, Associate Professor, University of Lucknow. This session enlightened participants of the overview of Fundamental principles and approaches to the legislative drafting.

Session 2: Prof. A.P Singh, HOD, Dr. RMLNLU, Lucknow delivered the lecture on “Drafting of Criminal Legislation” and majorly discussed the Rules of P5: Principles, Provisions, Policies, Precedents and Professional Opinion.

Session 3: Ms. Pallavi Verma, Vetting Officer, Legislative Department, Govt. of UP discussed the Structure and format of Acts and also the basic nuances of legislative drafting.

Session 4: In this session, Prof. (Dr.) Manish Singh and Dr. RMLNLU discussed the types of statutes, principles of statutory interpretations and judicial approaches.

Session 5: The lecture on “Constitutional Provisions for Legislative Drafting” was delivered by Dr. A.K. Tiwari, Associate Professor, Dr. RMLNLU, Lucknow. The session focused on Article 14 of the Constitution of India and its implications in the legislative drafting.

Session 6: The “Language in Legislative Drafting” session was taken by Mr. Atul Kumar Dubey, Advocate, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad. This session explored the plain, bilingual and multilingual drafting techniques.

Day 2

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow and Institute of Constitution and Parliamentary Studies, New Delhi. The MoU was signed and exchanged by the Program Director, Dr. Prem Kumar Gautam and Mrs. Seema Kaul Singh, Director ICPS.

Session 7: The session titled “Role of Legislative Committees in Developing Legislation” by Dr. Abhishek Kumar Tiwari, Associate Professor, University of Lucknow gave insights into the functions and impact of legislative committees and an overview of the whole legislative process.

Session 8: In this session Dr. Niharika, Assistant Professor, University of Lucknow discussed the challenges of legislative drafting on Artificial Intelligence. The speaker addressed the complexities of drafting legislation in the AI era.

Session 9: Session on “Ethics in Legislative Drafting” by Dr. Abhishek Dixit, Assistant Professor, UPSIFS, Lucknow, was an insight into why do ethics matter in legislative drafting, what all ethical issues arise in drafting and how to tackle them,

Session 10: This session by Prof. (Dr.) Sudarshan Verma Head, Department of Law, BBAU, Lucknow explored how Administrative Law Principles influence drafting practices.

Session 11: A practical drafting exercise was organised in this session to give a hands on experience to how to apply drafting session in real-world scenario.

Session 12: An interactive session was organised to ensure that knowledge was disseminated and accurately perceived and understood by the participants. In order to ensure this, participants engaged in open floor discussions, and the session was open for feedback, queries and suggestions. After that, Dr. Shashank Shekhar summarised the session and addressed the interactive session.



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thanks speech and closing remarks were delivered by the Program Director, Dr Prem Kumar Gautam, and Dr Seema Kaul Singh, Director of ICPS, also addressed the gathering in the valedictory session. The program ended with the distribution of certificates to all the participants and a high tea.

The program was hosted successfully on both days with the cooperation of Dr Ankita Yadav, Dr Mitali Tiwari and Ms Priya Anuragini.