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NATIONAL CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION COMPETITION

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Presidency University

Presidency University, Bengaluru, a NAAC 'A' accredited and globally recognised 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.





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) & BBALL.B. (H) with specialisation 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.

1. Background and Introduction

The criminal justice system in India is undergoing rapid transformation, with increasing emphasis on scientific evidence, procedural integrity, and rights-based investigation. While law schools provide rigorous theoretical instruction on criminal law, evidence, and procedure, students often have limited opportunities to engage with the practical and investigative dimensions of crime-solving.

To address this academic gap, the National Crimes Investigation Competition is conceptualised as a first-of-its-kind experiential learning platform that simulates real-life investigative challenges. This national-level competition will recreate the stages involved in criminal investigation—from crime scene assessment to evidence analysis, witness examination, and preparation of a final investigation report.

The initiative aims to provide law students with a multi-disciplinary, skill-oriented learning environment that encourages critical reasoning, legal analysis, and professional ethics in the field of criminal justice.

2. Purpose and Rationale

Indian courts have repeatedly emphasised that improper investigation compromises the entire justice delivery process. As modern crimes become more sophisticated, tomorrow's legal professionals must possess a deeper understanding of investigative techniques, forensic science, and procedural mandates.

The Competition addresses this need by:

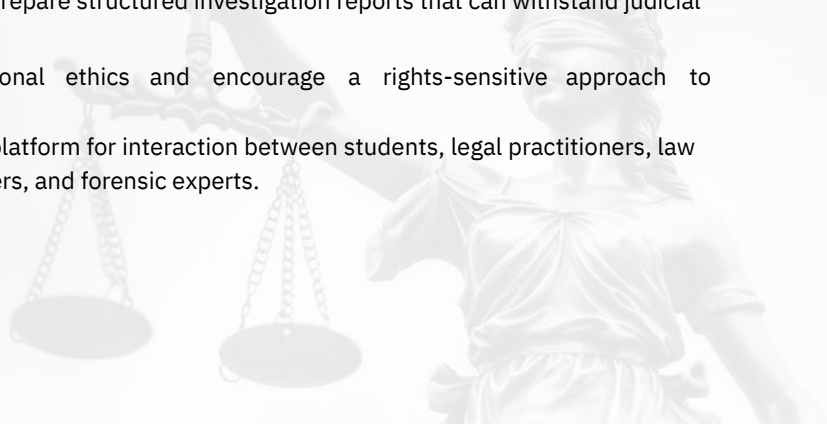
- Bringing hands-on investigation to legal education
- Integrating forensic understanding with criminal procedure
- Encouraging students to think like investigators and litigators
- Exposing participants to practical challenges such as contradictory statements, missing evidence, or procedural lapses
- Promoting interdisciplinary learning between law, forensics, and criminology

By engaging with realistic case scenarios, students will gain insights into how evidence is collected, preserved, analysed, and later tested in court.

3. Objectives

The Competition is designed to:

- Strengthen participants' understanding of the New Criminal Codes.
- Develop investigative thinking, logical reasoning, and analytical skills.
- Provide exposure to technical aspects such as chain of custody, forensic documentation, and admissibility of evidence.
- Improve communication and teamwork through coordinated investigative strategies.
- Train students to prepare structured investigation reports that can withstand judicial scrutiny.
- Enhance professional ethics and encourage a rights-sensitive approach to investigation.
- Create a national platform for interaction between students, legal practitioners, law enforcement officers, and forensic experts.



4. Format of the Competition

The Competition will be conducted in four comprehensive stages, each designed to replicate a real-life investigative step:

4.1 Preliminary Round – Case File Analysis

- Each team receives a fictional but realistic case file consisting of FIR, witness statements, autopsy/medical reports, forensic clues, call data records, and circumstantial evidence.
- Participants must identify legal issues, inconsistencies, and probable leads.
- Teams submit an Investigation Strategy Document, outlining their proposed approach, potential suspects, and procedural considerations.

4.2 Crime Scene Simulation (Physical)

- Shortlisted teams will visit a mock crime scene set up by the organising committee.
- Participants must observe, document, and collect evidence, ensuring compliance with investigative protocols.
- They will prepare a Crime Scene Report with sketches, photographs, observations, and preliminary deductions.

4.3 Witness & Suspect Examination Round

- Teams interact with trained actors simulating witnesses, suspects, or victims.
- Participants must frame relevant questions, test credibility, and extract material information ethically.
- Marks will be awarded based on question framing, legal compliance, communication skills, and ability to identify contradictions.

4.4 Final Round – Comprehensive Investigation Briefing

- Finalist teams present a consolidated investigation file before a panel including criminal lawyers, retired police officers, forensic experts, and academicians.
- The presentation must include sequence of investigation, evidence interpretation, findings, legal provisions involved, and proposed charges (if any).
- Judges will evaluate clarity, accuracy, legal justification, and practical application.

5. Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Competition, participants will:

- Gain real-world experience in crime investigation methods.
- Learn to analyse evidence holistically and apply legal principles practically.
- Understand the challenges investigators face in balancing speed, accuracy, and procedural fairness.
- Improve skills in drafting, presentation, interviewing, and legal reasoning.
- Become better prepared for careers in criminal litigation, prosecution, defence practice, investigative agencies, or judicial services.

6. Target Group and Eligibility

- Open to undergraduate and postgraduate law students from recognised universities and law schools across India.
- Teams may consist of 3 members with diverse skill sets in research, analysis, and communication.
- Prior experience in criminal law or moot courts is welcome but not mandatory.

7. Resource Persons and Jury Panel

The event will engage an interdisciplinary panel, which may include:

- Retired IPS officers, CBI officials, or senior police personnel
- Forensic scientists and experts from leading laboratories
- Senior advocates specialising in criminal law
- Academicians from reputed law universities
- Judicial officers (subject to consent and availability)

Their collective expertise will add authenticity to the simulation and enhance student learning.

8. Expected Impact

The Competition is expected to:

- Establish a benchmark for experiential criminal law training in India.
- Encourage universities to prioritise crime investigation as a key part of legal education.
- Promote professionalism, independent thinking, and legal awareness among budding lawyers.
- Foster dialogue between institutions and law enforcement for long-term collaboration.
- Create an annual national platform for recognition of talent in criminal investigation.

9. Conclusion

The National Crimes Investigation Competition is a transformative academic initiative that merges legal knowledge with practical investigative skill-building. By immersing students in realistic crime-solving scenarios, the event aims to nurture competent, ethical, and well-informed future practitioners in the criminal justice system. The Competition aspires to become a flagship national event that inspires innovation and excellence in legal education.



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₹1500



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Last Date for Registration

January 25, 2025

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