



CHHATRAPATI SHAHU JI MAHARAJ UNIVERSITY, KANPUR
Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Legal Studies



1st Atal Bihari Vajpayee District Client
Counselling Competition, 2026
“Crafting the Counsellors for Tomorrow”

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ABOUT CSJMU

Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU), formerly known as Kanpur University, was established in 1966 and is recognized as a leading research-oriented State University in North India, distinguished by its longstanding legacy of academic excellence. In November 2023, the University attained a significant milestone by being awarded the prestigious A++ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). It has also been accorded Category-I University status under the UGC Regulations, reaffirming its commitment to quality higher education and research.

Spread over a 264-acre campus, CSJMU offers 39 undergraduate and 47 postgraduate programmes, including Ph.D.s, along with various diplomas and certificate courses. The university is organized into 13 schools, covering diverse fields like Life Sciences, Pharmacy, Engineering, Legal Studies, Humanities, Management, and Social Sciences. It houses 45 Centres of Excellence that encourage innovative research and creative expression.

CSJMU is committed to technological advancement, with fully digitized admission and evaluation processes, ICT-enabled classrooms, and campus-wide Wi-Fi. Resources such as the e-learning portal, Gyan Sanchay, and an electronic library enhance the learning experience.

In consonance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the University has introduced innovative and multidisciplinary courses to enhance student learning outcomes. Emphasis is also placed on sports, physical education, and co-curricular activities such as the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and the National Service Scheme (NSS), wherein students have achieved notable accomplishments.

With 49 partnerships, 72 MoUs, and 43 collaborative research programmes, CSJMU fosters a rich environment for teaching and research. Over its 57 years, it has maintained a tradition of progressive education and continues to be a leader in academic excellence in the state.



ABOUT

ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Legal Studies (ABVSLs), established in 2017 under the aegis of Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, is a premier institution committed to excellence in legal education, research, and professional training. The school strives to go beyond conventional legal learning by nurturing intellectual depth, innovation, and ethical competence among future legal professionals.

ABVSLs offers a comprehensive academic portfolio, including five-year integrated programmes; B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and BBA LL.B. (Hons.), a three-year LL.B. (Hons.), one-year and two-year LL.M. programmes with specialisations in Business Law, Criminal Law, and Constitutional Law, along with a Certificate Programme in Intellectual Property Rights, addressing emerging legal and industry needs.

The curriculum is aligned with national quality benchmarks and delivered by a highly qualified and experienced faculty. Academic learning is strengthened through active engagement with members of the Bar and Bench, corporate professionals, and leading national experts, ensuring a practical, contemporary, and application-oriented legal education. Students benefit from workshops, seminars, field visits, moot courts, and institutional collaborations that extend learning beyond the classroom.

The school offers a vibrant academic ecosystem supported by modern infrastructure, including mock courtrooms, smart classrooms, and a well-resourced library. With a strong emphasis on advocacy-based learning, ABVSLs has hosted prestigious national-level moot court competitions, including the 1st Atal Bihari Vajpayee National Moot Court Competition, 2024 and the 4th AIU National Moot Court Competition 2025, reinforcing its commitment to experiential learning and professional excellence.

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Legal Studies (ABVSLS) is organising the First Edition of the District Client Counselling Competition, as part of its continued commitment to practice-oriented legal education. The competition is scheduled to be conducted on 13th and 14th March, 2026, and is intended to provide law students with an opportunity to engage in simulated lawyer–client interactions reflective of real district court practice.

The competition is expected to witness participation from approximately 20 teams, representing various law institutions. Participants will be required to counsel clients on hypothetical legal problems drawn from commonly encountered areas such as family disputes, criminal matters, consumer issues, property, labour, and social welfare laws. Students will assume the role of legal counsel and conduct counselling sessions focusing on fact identification, issue spotting, legal advice, and client communication in a professional and ethical manner.

The event will be conducted in multiple competitive stages, beginning with Preliminary Rounds, followed by Quarter-Final Rounds, and culminating in the Advanced Rounds, which will include the Semi-Final and Final rounds. Each stage is designed to progressively assess participants on counselling skills, legal understanding, client rapport, ethical awareness, and overall professional conduct, under the evaluation of experienced legal professionals.

By hosting the first edition of this district-level competition, ABVSLS aims to strengthen grassroots legal training, encourage wider student participation, and create a platform that bridges academic learning with the practical realities of client counselling and legal practice.



THE VISION

The vision of the District Client Counselling Competition is to bridge the gap between classroom instruction and professional legal practice by cultivating socially responsive, ethically grounded, and practice-ready law graduates. Through client-focused advocacy and counselling, the event aims to promote access to justice, professional responsibility, and a deeper understanding of the lawyer's role in serving the community at the grassroots level.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR
Smt. Anandiben Patel

It is with great honour and a deep sense of pride that I extend my greetings on the occasion of the 1st District-Level Client Counselling Competition organised by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Legal Studies, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur. This initiative marks an important step in the School's continued efforts to strengthen practical legal education and promote ethical, client-oriented legal practice at the grassroots level.

Client counselling forms the foundation of effective legal practice. The ability to listen with empathy, understand a client's concerns, analyse legal issues with clarity, and provide responsible and ethical advice is indispensable for every legal professional. Competitions of this nature play a vital role in preparing students for the realities of legal practice, particularly at the district and trial court levels, where access to justice and professional responsibility assume paramount importance.

I appreciate the sincere efforts and dedication of the organising committee, faculty members, and students whose collective commitment has made this competition possible. Their initiative reflects the institution's resolve to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and practical application, while nurturing socially conscious and professionally competent legal professionals.

I extend my best wishes to all participating students and encourage them to approach this experience with sincerity, discipline, and integrity. May this competition serve as a meaningful platform for learning, growth, and the cultivation of values that define the legal profession.



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR
Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak

It is with immense pleasure and pride that I welcome you all to the 1st District-Level Client Counselling Competition, organised by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Legal Studies. This inaugural initiative reflects the School's commitment to strengthening experiential legal education and nurturing essential professional skills among aspiring legal practitioners.

Client counselling lies at the heart of effective legal practice. The ability to listen carefully, analyse legal and factual issues, communicate advice clearly, and uphold ethical standards is fundamental to the legal profession. Through this competition, students are provided a valuable platform to engage with realistic legal problems, develop client-centric approaches, and gain practical exposure to the responsibilities of legal practice at the district level.

In an evolving legal landscape, future legal professionals must be not only knowledgeable but also empathetic, ethically conscious, and socially responsible. This competition is designed not merely to test legal understanding, but to instil professionalism, integrity, and a sense of duty towards access to justice. I encourage participants to view this experience as an opportunity for learning and self-development rather than competition alone.

I extend my best wishes to all participating students and commend the efforts of the organising committee and faculty members for their dedication in making this event possible. I am confident that this competition will be a meaningful and enriching experience, contributing positively to the professional growth of every participant.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
Dr. Smriti Roy

Dear Participants and Esteemed Guests,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the 1st District-Level Client Counselling Competition, hosted by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Legal Studies, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur. This inaugural event is a significant milestone for our institution, reflecting our commitment to fostering practical legal skills and nurturing the next generation of competent, ethical legal professionals. Client counselling competitions provide students with a dynamic platform to develop essential skills such as client interaction, legal analysis, and ethical advisory, preparing them for real-world practice at the district level.

As we embark on this important initiative, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the distinguished panel of judges, faculty members, and supporting staff whose guidance and encouragement have made this event possible. I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of the organising committee, whose careful planning ensures that the competition will run smoothly and offer a meaningful learning experience for all participants. This event is not merely a competition; it is a step towards establishing a culture of practical, client-centred legal training that will benefit generations of law students.

To all participants, I extend my best wishes. I encourage you to engage wholeheartedly, approach each session with professionalism and empathy, and embrace the learning opportunities that come with each stage of the competition. May this experience strengthen your understanding of the law, sharpen your counselling skills, and enhance your readiness to serve clients with competence and integrity.

I am confident that the 1st District-Level Client Counselling Competition will set a benchmark for future editions and inspire students to pursue excellence in both the art and ethics of legal practice.

IMPORTANT DATES

19 Feb, 2026

Commencement of Registration

5 Mar, 2026

Last Date of Registration

6 Mar, 2026

Release of Problem for
Preliminary Round

9 Mar, 2026

Last Date for Seeking Clarification

10 Mar, 2026

Release of Clarifications

13 Mar, 2026

Inaugural Ceremony

13 Mar, 2026

Preliminary Rounds and
Quarter Final Round

14 Mar, 2026

Semi Finals and Final Round

14 Mar, 2026

Valedictory Ceremony

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT PROCESS

- Interested teams must register to participate in the competition by filling out the registration form.
- The form can be accessed via the provided link or by scanning the QR Code.
- **Deadline for Online Registration:** 5th March, 2026 (till 11:59 P.M. IST)
- **Registration Fee (Non-Refundable):**
 - Participants from Institutions other than ABVSLS: ₹1200*
 - Participants from ABVSLS: ₹1,000
- The confirmation of Registration will be notified to the teams by the MCS after the completion and verification of the Registration formalities.
- For ABVSLS students, registration will be provisional, subject to approval by the Moot Court Society (MCS)
- The teams will be provided with a Team Code, and at any stage of the Competition, a team must be identified only by the allotted team code.
- All team members must refrain from disclosing the identity of their Institution at any time and in any manner during their participation in the Competition. Non-compliance with this rule shall lead to severe penalty or disqualification as determined by the MCS.

**The payment link for participants from institutions other than ABVSLS is provided in the Google Registration Form itself.*

REGISTRATION & RULBOOK LINKS

REGISTRATION

To Register, click the link or scan the QR Code.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH83mLNGTelNAUmbHX_s8g4gJI_On7vc6sKPY9oTr0KF2J3A/viewform?usp=header



REGISTRATION FOR ABVSLs

To Register, click the link or scan the QR Code.

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RULEBOOK

To refer the Rulebook, click the link or scan the QR Code.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jEDlH-hlAPhK6wsnaDAL2an_jThyQQZl



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Runner up

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and Trophy



Best Counsel

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and Trophy



Best Client Award

Certificate of Merit
and Trophy

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