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Cover Story

Interview of Advocate Akbar Siddiqui, Supreme Court of India, published in Daily Inquilab on 24 August 2025. He achieved historic success by securing 1st position in the Delhi Higher Judicial Services Examination.

The results of the Delhi Higher Judicial Services Examination 2024 were announced on 20 August 2025. In which **Akbar Siddiqui secured 712 marks out of a 1000 marks** & secured the first position in the merit list. It is noteworthy that he is the first member of his family to take up the profession of lawyer & then obtained a high position in the judicial service on the basis of his professional expertise in this field. Akbar Siddiqui's father was associated with the civil engineering department in the government services & is currently retired.

Akbar Siddiqui is known for his excellent advocacy and legal expertise in the Supreme Court. His role was especially important in the Satyendra Kumar case, in which he gave a new direction to the thinking of the Indian judiciary regarding bail.

Speaking exclusively to the correspondent of Daily INQUILAB newspaper, he said it is a great honor to secure the **first position in the Delhi Higher Judicial Services Examination**.

I will, InshaAllah, abide by the laws while holding my position & ensure justice for every section of the society. Although Akbar Siddiqui's hometown is Ambedkar Nagar district Akbarpur of UP, he was born, brought up & educated in Delhi. He said that I starts my primary education from St. Michael's Senior Secondary School, Delhi. Later, for higher education, I took admission in Aligarh Muslim University, from there I obtained a law degree in 2007.

Regarding the preparation for Judicial Services, Agnir Siddiqui said since I have been practicing in the field of law since 2008, I had been associated with the profession of law for almost the last 17 years, so I got the self inspiration to from there only. I have a lots of experience in the field of law & have a good knowledge of the law, besides, I had also joined a coaching institute in the meantime, which I left later. The real secret of my success is my self-study. I have made constant hard work & on the basis of that I have achieved this remarkable success. I am the only one in my family, most of the people are in engineering & medical fields or in private jobs.

Commenting on his success, Akbar Siddiqui said The biggest role in my success is played by my parents, my wife, teachers & the educational environment of AMU. AMU has always been producing the best legal minds for the country.

In his message to the youth, he said, Step towards the destination with hard work, honesty, dedication, prepare for this exam with a good purpose & intentions. If I can reach this point, it is also possible for you. Hard work is the real key to success.

AMU Vice Chancellor Prof. Naima Khatun Sahiba said, "Akbar Siddiqui's success is a source of pride for the institution. Akbar Siddiqui's journey from Aligarh to the Supreme Court & now the High Court is a shining example of academic hard work and independence. We pray that he plays a more prominent role in the service of justice."



Opportunity for Research Scholars in Agriculture & Allied Sciences

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) invites bright and passionate overseas students to apply for the prestigious Netaji Subhas-ICAR International Fellowship. This fellowship is your gateway to pursue a Ph.D. in Agriculture and Allied Sciences at some of the most respected agricultural universities and research institutes in India.

Why Apply?

- Be part of India's world-class agricultural research community.
- Receive academic and financial support for up to 3 years.
- Contribute to solving global challenges in food security, sustainability, and climate-smart agriculture.
- Build lifelong networks with leading Indian scientists and researchers.

Key Details:

- **Eligibility:** Students holding a Master's degree in Agriculture or related fields with 65% or above at Master level
- **Fellowships Available:** **Rs 40,000 per month**
- **Duration:** Up to 3 years.
- **Deadline to Apply:** 31 Aug 2025.

How to Apply:

- Detailed guidelines, priority areas of study and application proforma are available on ICAR website www.icar.org.in. The application should be submitted by **Aug 31, 2025**, to ADG (HRD) at adg.hrd.applications@gmail.com, mentioning the "Application for NSIF: Name of Applicant and contact number" in the subject line of the email.
<https://ctag.in/notification/opportunity-for-research-scholars-in-agriculture-allied-sciences/>



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Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Notification: Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE 2026)

The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati has announced the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) 2026. The examination will be conducted under the National Coordination Board (GATE), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

Key Details:

- **Organizing Institute:** IIT Guwahati
- **Application Process:** Online registration begins on 25 August 2025 and closes on 25 September 2025 (without late fee). Applications with late fee will be accepted until 6 October 2025.
- **Examination Dates:** The test will be conducted on 7, 8, 14 and 15 February 2026, in computer-based mode across multiple cities, with two sessions per day.
- **Subjects Offered:** A total of 30 papers covering Engineering, Technology, Science, Commerce, Arts, Architecture and Humanities.
- **New Addition:** A new sectional paper, Energy Science (XE-I), has been introduced under the Engineering Sciences (XE) category.
- **Two-Paper Option:** Candidates may opt for two papers, as per the officially permitted combinations.
LINK: <https://gate2026.iitg.ac.in/>

Benefits of Qualifying GATE:

- Candidates who qualify in GATE become eligible to seek admission, with possible financial assistance, to Master's programs, Direct Doctoral programs, and Doctoral programs in relevant branches of Engineering, Technology, Science, Architecture, and Humanities at IITs and other institutions supported by the Ministry of Education and other Government agencies. GATE scores are also considered by several institutions for admission to postgraduate programs without MoE scholarships. In addition, many leading Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) use GATE scores for recruitment purposes. Candidates aspiring for higher studies and opportunities in public sector undertakings are advised to carefully read the information brochure and complete the registration process within the given timelines.

<https://ctag.in/notification/notification-graduate-aptitude-test-in-engineering-gate-2026/>



Notification: Joint Admission Test for Masters (JAM) 2026

The Joint Admission Test for Masters (JAM) 2026, organized by the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, will serve as the gateway to postgraduate admissions in science and related fields across leading institutes of the country.

Key Details:

- **Commencement of Online Registration:** 5 September 2025
- **Closing of Application Window:** 12 October 2025
- **Date of Examination:** Sunday, 15 February 2026
- **Declaration of Results:** 18 March 2026

Examination Sessions:

- **Forenoon (9:30 AM – 12:30 PM):** Chemistry (CY), Geology (GG), Mathematics (MA)
- **Afternoon (2:30 PM – 5:30 PM):** Biotechnology (BT), Economics (EN), Mathematical Statistics (MS), Physics (PH)

Highlights:

- Admission to over **3,000 seats in postgraduate** and dual-degree programs such as (i) M.Sc., (ii) M.Sc. (Tech.), (iii) MS (Research), (iv) M.Sc. – M.Tech. Dual Degree, (v) Joint M.Sc. – Ph.D., and (vi) M.Sc. – Ph.D. Dual Degree across 22 IITs
- JAM 2026 Score is also likely to be used by IISc Bengaluru, IISERs, IIPE, JNCASR, and CFTIs such as NITs, IIST Shibpur, SLIET, DIAT through CCMN.
- Candidates may appear in one or two test papers, provided they are scheduled in different sessions.
- Qualifying in JAM 2026 does not automatically guarantee admission. Final admission will be subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria and requirements prescribed by the admitting institutes.

Note:- All aspiring candidates are advised to prepare well in advance and ensure timely submission of applications within the stipulated dates.

LINK: <https://jam2026.iitb.ac.in/>

<https://ctag.in/notification/notification-joint-admission-test-for-masters-jam-2026/>

Notification: NLU Delhi Opens Applications for AILET 2026

National Law University, Delhi (NLU Delhi) has officially begun the application process for the All India Law Entrance Test (AILET) 2026. This is the gateway for admission into its prestigious B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) undergraduate programme and the one-year LL.M. postgraduate course.

- **Applications Open:** August 7, 2025
- **Last Date to Apply:** November 10, 2025
- **Exam Date:** Sunday, December 14, 2025 (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, offline mode)

Eligibility Criteria:

- For B.A. LL.B. (Hons.): Class 12 with minimum 45% marks (40% for SC/ST, 42% for OBC).
- For LL.M.: LL.B. with minimum 50% marks (45% for SC/ST/PwD). Final-year students may also apply.

Seats Available:

- **B.A. LL.B. (Hons.):** 110 through AILET + 10 supernumerary (Foreign/OCI/PIO).
- **LL.M.:** 70 through AILET + 10 supernumerary (Foreign/OCI/PIO) + 1 Kashmiri Migrant seat.

Application Fee:

- General/OBC/EWS/Foreign: **₹3,000**
- SC/ST/PwD: **₹1,000**
- SC/ST women from BPL families: **Exempted**

Application Process:

- Interested candidates can apply online at nationallawuniversitydelhi.in.

Admit cards will be available in **December 2025**.

<https://ctag.in/notification/notification-nlu-delhi-opens-applications-for-ailet-2026/>



CLAT 2026 Notification – Common Law Admission Test

The Consortium of National Law Universities (NLUs) has officially announced the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) 2026, the national-level entrance exam for admission to Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) law programs at India's top National Law Universities.

Why CLAT Matters

CLAT is the gateway to India's most prestigious law schools, including **NLSIU Bengaluru**, **NALSAR Hyderabad**, **NUJS Kolkata**, **NLIU Bhopal**, **NLU Jodhpur** and many others. The exam is also accepted by some Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and used for recruitment in specific sectors.

Important Dates:

- **Application Opens:** August 1, 2025
- **Application Closes:** October 31, 2025 (midnight)
- **Exam Date:** Sunday, December 7, 2025
- **Timing:** 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Eligibility:

■ For UG (LL.B. Integrated Programmes):

- Must have completed or be appearing in Class 12 (or equivalent) in 2026.
- **Minimum marks:** 45% (40% for SC/ST/PwD).
- **No upper age limit.**

■ For PG (LL.M. Programmes):

- Must have completed or be in the final year of LL.B. degree.
- **Minimum marks:** 50% (45% for SC/ST/PwD).
- **No upper age limit.**

Registration Process:

1. **Visit the official website:** consortiumofnlus.ac.in
2. Create an account and fill out personal, academic, and contact details.
3. Select your preferred exam centres.
4. Upload scanned copies of your photograph, signature, and category certificate (if applicable).
5. **Pay the application fee:**
 - General/OBC/PwD/NRI/OCI: **₹4,000**
 - SC/ST/BPL: **₹3,500**
 - **Previous years' question papers (optional add-on): ₹500**
6. Submit the form and keep a copy of the confirmation page.

■ Exam Pattern (UG)

- **Mode:** Pen-and-paper (Offline)
- **Questions:** 120 MCQs
- **Marking:** +1 for correct answer, -0.25 for wrong answer

■ **Sections:**

- **English Language:** ~20%
- **Current Affairs & General Knowledge:** ~25%
- **Legal Reasoning:** ~25%
- **Logical Reasoning:** ~20%
- **Quantitative Techniques:** ~10%

■ Friendly Tips:

- Register early to avoid last-minute rush.
- Stay updated only through the official CLAT website.
- Make a study plan—past year papers and daily GK are your best friends.
- Don't just prepare hard, prepare smart.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Name	Delhi Govt Minority Scholarship Schemes 2025
Eligibility	Only for minority students of Delhi (Class I –XI, Professional/Technical Courses, Toppers in Minority Category)
Benefits	Reimbursement of tuition fees, merit scholarships, Dr BR Ambedkar State Award
Last Date	31-08-2025
Application Link	http://www.edistrict.delhigovt.nic.in
Details	https://edistrict.delhigovt.nic.in/in/en/Public/ServiceGuideline.html

Scholarship Name	Reliance Foundation Postgraduate Scholarships 2025 –26
Eligibility	Indian citizens with GATE score 550 –1000 or UG CGPA 7.5+ (for direct –entry PG programs)
Benefits	Up to ₹6 lakh, mentoring, internships, industry exposure, alumni network
Last Date	04-10-2025
Application Link	https://www.buddy4study.com/page/reliance-foundation-scholarships
Details	https://ctag.in/scholarship/reliance-foundation-postgraduate-scholarships-2025-26/
Contact	RF.PGScholarships@reliancefoundation.org

Scholarship Name	Reliance Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships 2025 –26
Eligibility	Indian nationals, 1st year UG students, Family income < ₹15 lakh (priority < ₹2.5 lakh)
Benefits	Up to ₹2,00,000, tuition & academic expenses, mentoring & networking
Last Date	Not specified
Application Link	https://www.buddy4study.com/page/reliance-foundation-scholarships
Details	https://ctag.in/scholarship/reliance-foundation-postgraduate-scholarships-2025-26/
Contact	RF.UGScholarships@reliancefoundation.org

Scholarship Name	Muskaan Scholarship Program 2.0 (2025 –26)
Eligibility	Classes 9 –12 from southern/eastern/northeastern states, children of drivers/mechanics, income ≤ ₹8 lakh, min 60% marks
Benefits	Up to ₹12,000, mentorship programs, renewable based on performance

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Last Date	30-09-2025
Application Link	https://www.buddy4study.com/page/muskaan-scholarship-program
Details	https://ctag.in/scholarship/muskaan-scholarship-program-2-0-2025-26/
Contact	muskaanscholarship@buddy4study.com 011-430-92248 (Ext. 346)

Scholarship Name	Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child (PG - IGSSGC)
Eligibility	Indian citizens, only girl child (or twins with no male sibling), admitted to 1st year PG (regular, full-time, non-professional), below 30 years
Benefits	₹36,200 per annum for 2 years (DBT transfer)
Last Date	September -31 October 2025
Application Link	http://www.scholarships.gov.in
Details	https://ctag.in/scholarship/post-graduate-indira-gandhi-scholarship-for-single-girl-child-pg-igssgc/
Contact	UGC via NSP

ACTIVITIES OF CTAG AT A GLANCE

Orientation to the Research Methodology - Workshop



An orientation workshop was organized for **34 research scholars** with the aim of introducing them to the essentials of academic research, addressing common challenges, and creating a support network. The workshop successfully equipped the 34 participating research scholars with knowledge, motivation, and strategies to embark on their research journey with confidence and a strong support system.



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