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Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of WR, RD & GR
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Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi, dated: the 14th September, 2026.

Office Memorandum

Subject: Formulation of Internship Scheme for Law Students in D/o Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation – reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that with the approval of the competent authority, this Department has introduced an **Internship Scheme for Law Students** with the objective of providing practical exposure to students in the areas of Government litigation, legal research, drafting, examination of judgments/orders and other legal matters dealt with by the Department.

2. The Scheme will provide an opportunity to selected law students to understand the functioning of the Government and gain practical experience in handling legal and judicial matters.

3. The eligibility criteria, duration, selection procedure, number of interns, terms and conditions and other details of the Internship Scheme shall be as prescribed in the **Internship Scheme for Law Students for the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.**

4. The detailed application procedure shall be made available on the official website of the Department.

Encl: As above.

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The Stakeholders

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1. PPS to Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR.
2. All Bureau Head, DoWR, RD & GR.
3. PPS/PS to JS (Admn.&CVO)/JS & FA/JS(PP)/JS(NRCD), DoWR, RD & GR.
4. NIC, DoWR, RD & GR, for uploading the Notice and Guidelines on the Department's website.

Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation Internship Scheme for Law Students

1. Introduction:

The Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, is responsible for formulation of policies, planning, implementation and coordination relating to water resources development and management in the country.

The Department is actively involved in constitutional, statutory, contractual and environmental matters before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, High Courts, National Green Tribunal, Water Disputes Tribunals, Arbitration Tribunals and other judicial/quasi-judicial authorities. Efficient management of Government litigation through LIMBS has become an important priority of the Government.

With a view to providing practical exposure to law students and creating awareness regarding Government litigation, water laws and legal policy making, the Department introduces an Internship Scheme for Law Students.

2. Objectives: The Scheme aims to:

- provide practical exposure to Government litigation;
- familiarize students with functioning of Government legal administration;
- promote research in water laws and environmental jurisprudence;
- strengthen legal research relating to river water disputes, contracts, arbitration, constitutional law and environmental law;
- encourage young legal professionals to contribute towards efficient management of Government litigation.

3. Number of Interns: A maximum of 15 Law Interns shall be engaged during every internship cycle as follows:-

Category	Description of Internship	Law Courses	Intake
I	Pursuing Degree in Law	Final Year 3-Year LLB	3
		Final Year 5 year LLB	3
		LLM	2
II	Completed Degree in Law	Final Year 3-Year LLB	2
		Final Year 5 year LLB	2
		LLM	2
		Research / Water Law Specialization	1
	Total		**15**

The Department may increase or decrease the number depending upon administrative requirements.

4. Duration : The Internship will be two types - (i) for the candidates pursuing their Degree Course for a period of 02 months, extendable for one more month and (ii) for the candidates completed their Degree Courses for a period of 6 months, extendable upto 3 months in exceptional cases.

5. Eligibility: Applicants must be Indian and satisfy the following conditions:

I. Students pursuing the following courses from a University/Institution recognized by Bar Council of India (BCI) and/or UGC and secure minimum 60% marks or equivalent CGPA in the latest examination:

- 3-Year LL.B. and completed 2nd Year of the Course;

- 5-Year Integrated Law Course and completed 4 th Year of the Course;
- LL.M. and completed 3rd Semester of LL.M.

II. Students completed the following courses from a University/Institution recognized by Bar Council of India (BCI) and/or UGC and with minimum 60% marks or equivalent CGPA in the latest examination:

- 3-Year LL.B. Degree Course;
- 5-Year Integrated Law Degree Course; and
- LL.M.

6. Areas of Work: Interns may be attached with Legal Cell/attached/sub-ordinate office/SMD dealing with:

- Government Litigation
- LIMBS Portal and Court Cases Monitoring
- Arbitration Cases
- Contract Management
- River Water Disputes
- Environmental Laws
- National Water Policy
- Inter-State Water Disputes
- Tribunal Matters
- Legal Research
- Parliamentary (Legislative Drafting) Matters

7. Intake Schedule: The Department shall ordinarily conduct Summer Internship for May–June and for Winter Internship for December–January. Advertisement shall be uploaded on Department website.

8. Selection Procedure:

Stage-I

Scrutiny of applications based on

- Academic performance
- Statement of Purpose
- Recommendation of Institution

Stage-II

Interaction/Interview (Physical/Online)

A Selection Committee of three officers under Joint Secretary or Director or Dy. Secretary level officer shall be constituted, in due course, to recommend candidates. 02 out of 03 officers should be from law background.

9. **Reservation/Diversity**: No reservation and equal opportunity for all irrespective of gender.

10. **Duties of Interns**: Interns may be assigned work relating to Legal research, Case law analysis, Preparation of briefs, Compilation of judgments, Drafting notes, Monitoring court cases on LIMBS, Preparation of legal summaries, Comparative analysis of water laws, Arbitration research, Contract examination, Policy research. Interns shall work under supervision of an nominated officer/office.

11. **Attendance**: Minimum attendance 90% shall be mandatory. Biometric/manual attendance shall be

maintained.

12. **Confidentiality**: Interns shall maintain complete confidentiality, sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), not publish any document, report or information without prior approval of the Department. All reports shall remain intellectual property of Government of India.

13. **Stipend**: Selected interns shall receive stipend, as indicated below, subject to satisfactory attendance, submission of final report and recommendation of nominated officer/office:

I. Interns pursuing the Degree courses:

- Students completed 2nd/4th Year of 3/5 Year LL.B. Course - ₹10,000/- per month,
- Students completed 3rd Semester of LL.M. - ₹12,000/- per month, and
- Ph.D. in Research / Water Law Specialization - ₹20,000/- per month.

II. Interns completed the Degree courses:

- 3-Year LL.B. or 5-Year Integrated Law Degree Course - ₹12,000/- per month
- LL.M. - ₹15,000/- per month
- Ph.D. in Research / Water Law Specialization - ₹20,000/- per month

14. **Logistics**: The Department shall provide Workspace, Internet access(where permissible), Relevant Acts/Rules, Access to non-confidential legal material and entry pass. No other emolument shall be admissible. The Intern may bring his/her laptop at workplace.

15. **Evaluation**: At the conclusion of internship, each intern shall submit Internship Report (approximately 5,000 words) and make a presentation before an Evaluation Committee.

16. **Certificate**: Certificate shall be issued only after successful completion, acceptance of report and recommendation of Mentor.

17. **Code of Conduct**: Interns shall maintain office discipline, confidentiality, follow official working hours, avoid conflict of interest, comply with security instructions.

18. **Termination**: The Department reserves the right to terminate the internship without assigning any reason in case of misconduct, breach of confidentiality and unauthorized absence. Similarly, an intern may leave the programme after giving one week's notice.

19. **No Right to Employment**: The internship shall neither confer any right for appointment, employment, consultancy, contractual engagement in this Department.

20. **Competent Authority**: Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation shall be the Competent Authority for interpretation and implementation of the Scheme.

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ANNEXURE-I

Application No: _____

(To be filled by the Office)

APPLICATION FORM

LAW STUDENTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME, 2026

Passport Size photograph

Instructions:

1. Forms to be filled in Block Letters.
2. All fields under this form are mandatory.

No. Particulars .

1. **Name :**
2. **Course Pursuing along with Semester/Year :**
3. **College/University :**
4. **Father's Name :**
5. **Mother's Name :**
6. **Date of Birth :**
7. **Gender :**
8. **E-mail :**
9. **Contact number :**
10. **Gender :**
11. **Category:** Gen/OBC/ST/SC/DA :

DETAILS OF EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Qualification	Passing Year	Name of School / College	Name of Board/ University	Subject(s)	Obtained Percentage
High School					
Intermediate					
Graduation					
Post Graduation					

DOCUMENTS (Mandatory to be enclosed)

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Identity proof (Aadhar Card/Driving License/Pass Port/Voting Card)
3. NOC from HoD
4. Copies of Educational certificates
5. 500 words write-up "**Reason for Joining as Intern in DoWR".**

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(Signature of Applicant)

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(Signature of Section Officer of Department with Seal/Stamp)

(To be filled by the Office)

ANNEXURE-II

FORMAT FOR NOC TO BE OBTAINED FROM COLLEGE/INSTITUTION

(To be given on Letter Head)/ To be signed by HOD/Principal

Dated:_____

Subject: No Objection Certificate for Law Students Internship Programme.

It is certified that <Mr. / Ms/> _____is a bonafide student <College ID No.> of < Semester/Year> of <name of the programme> of this <Institution/College>.

The <Institution/College> has no objection to <Mr. / Ms/> _____ for pursuing the Internship programme in Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation for the period from_____to _____.

It is also certified that <he/she> is not registered for any course requiring <his/her> attendance in the class during the said period.

The conduct of the student as recorded by the <college/institution> has been found good/satisfactory/unsatisfactory.

(Signature and Seal)
HOD/Principal

ANNEXURE-III

FORMAT OF INTERNSHIP COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

Dated :_____

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that <Mr./Ms>……..…… a student of <University/Institution> has successfully completed <his/her> Internship with **Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India** from ……..... to ……..... During the period of Internship he/she worked under ……..... in the following areas:

i.

ii.

2. <He/she> has shown special flair for ……..... and <his/her> performance in preparation of the report has been rated as ……..

3. During the period of <his/her> internship programme <he/she> was punctual and hardworking.

4. I wish <him/her> every success in <his/her> life and career.

Under Secretary
DoWR, RD & GR