

Call for Student Podcasts – Submission Guidelines

• *Topic & Content*

- While limiting themselves to the broad theme of ‘Taking the Constitution to the People’, participants are free to explore the multiple contours of the theme. For instance, a podcast submission can focus exclusively on the question of if (and why) the Constitution has remained inaccessible to a larger audience, or the question of how it can be made more relevant in our everyday lives, or both.
- Needless to say, a submission can answer just one or more of such questions. As has been explained below, the judging criteria is not based on the breadth of the topic covered, but the quality of analysis.

• *Eligibility*

- All students pursuing undergraduate or postgraduate studies in any field as on the date of the final submission, i.e., November 21, 2021.

• *Guidelines*

- There can be a maximum of two speakers in a podcast, both of whom must be participants in the competition. To ensure an even playing field, no guest experts will be permitted.
- No additional sound effects, apart from basic enhancements to the quality of the recording, are permitted. Snippets of recorded audio clips are permitted but not necessary.
- The podcast should be an original work.
- The podcast can be in English or any Indian language in the 8th Schedule to the Constitution of India.
- The podcast should be a single audio file in the MP3 format.
- Participants can send either the file or an accessible Google Drive link. Please note that the podcast should not have been uploaded on any other public platform (for e.g., Soundcloud, Spotify, YouTube, Apple Podcasts etc.) till after the end of the competition, i.e., the date of announcement of results.
- The podcast should be no more than 15 minutes in length.
- All submissions must be sent to submissions@vidhilegalpolicy.in at any time before 6:00 PM on November 21, 2020.
- The email submission must include: a short bio of the participant(s) (50 words or less), a one-sentence description (logline) for your piece, and the audio file as an attachment / Google Drive link.
- Additionally, before the beginning of the podcast, participants must clearly state their full name, their designation (university’s name if a student), and the title of the submission.

• *Recording Tips*

- Be sure to speak slowly, clearly, and legibly.
- You do not have to use any recording equipment. The quality of a clear recording from your phone is good enough for us.

- Make sure you are in a quiet room and that any ambient noise is at a bare minimum.
- ***Judging Criteria***
 - **Primary criteria:**
 1. Depth of research;
 2. Novelty of subject matter and treatment;
 3. Ability to synthesise information in an audio format;
 4. Ability to engage listeners (style and format);
 5. Appeal to a diverse audience of persons outside the legal fraternity.
 - **Secondary criteria:**
 1. Clarity of voice;
 2. General audio quality.
- ***Prize***
 - The top three podcast submissions:
 - a. will be felicitated;
 - b. will receive book vouchers;
 - c. will have an opportunity to work with Vidhi's podcasts teams to suitably circulate the podcast (either in its existing or in an edited form) to a wide audience.
- ***Queries / Clarifications***
 - If you have any queries, please feel free to reach out to us at submissions@vidhilegalpolicy.in at any time before 11:59 PM on November 20, 2021.