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The Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi is happy to announce a **National Law Reform Competition** for students pursuing a Graduate programme in Law.

The Indian Penal Code was drafted more than fifteen decades ago. Needless to say that Lord Macaulay worked on a comprehensive Code meticulously and with precision. However, the time has come to re-look at this substantive law of the country though it had gone through amendments from time to time.

Owing to paucity of time, this competition will be confined to three specific areas. The participating teams would be required to venture on drafting an extensive **Law Reform Proposal** on any one of the following three focus areas.

1. An amendment of 'Offences Affecting the Human Body'.
2. Introducing a specific Chapter on 'Crimes against Women' which are presently scattered in the Code.
3. Incorporating a specific Chapter on 'Socio-economic Offences'.

In drafting the proposal the teams have the freedom to:

- De-criminalize certain offences
- Re-define offences
- Enhance punishments/fine
- Decrease punishments
- Advocate for a 'victim orientation' to criminal justice in re-defining crimes and in awarding punishments
- Advocate for 'restorative justice' in crimes of lesser gravity
- Introduce other innovative provisions

The participating teams will be required to **ensure that the draft proposal reaches the Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi – 110 025 on or before March 7, 2011**. This would be evaluated by a panel of experts which will also be an elimination round. Subsequently, the selected teams, represented by a **team of two students will be invited** to the Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi to make a presentation defending their proposal, which would further be evaluated. This event would be from **March 25 (afternoon) to March 27, 2011**. The best team will be assessed based on the marks scored for the written draft and the presentation taken together. The First, Second and Third Prize Winners would be receiving Trophies, Certificates and Cash prizes.

The host University (JMI) would look after the food and accommodation of the teams from the evening of March 24 to the morning of March 28, 2011. However, the travel expenses will have to be met by the participating teams.

The participating teams should **register their names by January 31, 2011**, by Post or by E-mail.

Further instructions and rules regarding the competition would be available at the Jamia website:
<http://www.jmi.ac.in>