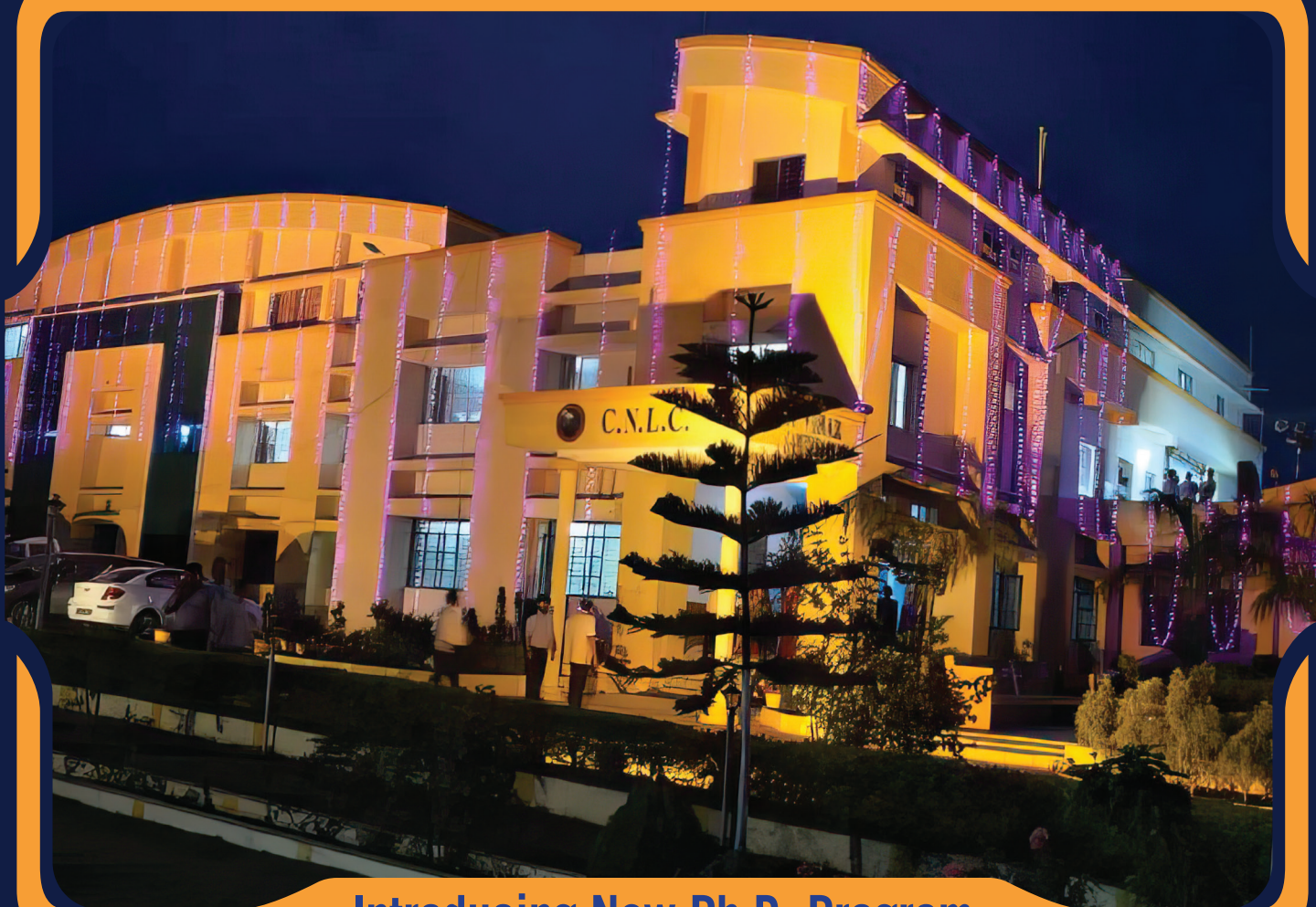


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The Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi was established in 1954. It is registered under section 2 (f) & 12(B) of the UGC Act 1956 and it is also accredited with B++ from National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC). Institution has been granted autonomous status by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi & Ranchi University Ranchi in 2025. It holds the distinction of being one of the oldest and most esteemed legal institution in Jharkhand.

By the Virtue of the powers conferred upon autonomous colleges under Clause 3.11 & 10.3 of the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023, and in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 read with RU Notification vide Memo No. B/1595/25, Dated 24th December 2025 & the Resolution no. 02 of 25th January 2026 passed in Academic Council of the Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi, applications are invited for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme in Law at Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi (CNLC) in accordance with the UGC Ph.D. Regulations, 2022 and the CNLC Regulations Governing the Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Law, 2026.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ▶ **Last Date for Submission of Application:** 31st March 2026
- ▶ **Date of CNLC Research Entrance Test (CNLC-RET):** 2nd Week of May'26 (Tentative)
- ▶ **Interview / Research Proposal Presentation:** Last week of May'26 (Tentative)

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

A candidate seeking admission to the Ph.D. Programme must satisfy any one of the following:

1. Master's Degree in Law (LL.M.) with at least 55% marks (or equivalent grade).
2. Degree in Law and Master's Degree in Social Sciences or Humanities, provided the proposed research interfaces with Law (especially Public Policy or Legal Studies).
3. Degree in Law and:
 - Associate Membership of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), or
 - Qualified Chartered Accountant (ICAI), or
 - Qualified Cost Accountant (ICMAI).
4. Candidates with equivalent degrees from recognized foreign educational institutions meeting UGC norms.

Relaxation of 5% marks (i.e. 50% mark) is applicable for SC / ST / Differently-Abled candidates and other categories as per UGC rules.

CATEGORIES OF ENROLLMENT

A. Full-Time Ph.D.

- Minimum Duration: 3 years (including coursework)
- Maximum Duration: 6 years
- May extend up to 8 years as per re-registration rules
- Additional 2-year relaxation for women scholars and PwD candidates (max 10 years)

B. Part-Time Ph.D.

- Minimum Duration: 4 years
- Maximum Duration: 6 years (extendable by 2 years)
- Mandatory campus presence of two semesters
- Certain senior professionals (Judges, Senior Advocates, Civil Servants, Faculty) may receive coursework exemptions subject to regulatory conditions

NUMBER OF SEATS

The total number of seats available for admission to the Ph.D. Programme in Law at Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi for the current academic session is 20. Out of these, 12 seats are earmarked for candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF) or UGC-NET (eligible for Assistant Professor / Ph.D. admission only), in accordance with UGC norms and the CNLC Ph.D. Regulations, 2026.

The remaining seats shall be filled through the CNLC Research Eligibility Test (CNLC-RET) and subsequent interview process, subject to the availability of recognized research supervisors and institutional research capacity.

Research proposals are especially encouraged in emerging, interdisciplinary, and socially relevant areas of law, particularly those involving cross-cutting themes and contemporary legal challenges. The proposed research must demonstrate the potential to make an original contribution to legal knowledge.

Admission shall be granted only where the research proposal is found academically sound, feasible, and aligned with institutional research priorities. The College reserves the right not to fill all advertised seats if a sufficient number of meritorious proposals are not received. Conversely, competent academic bodies may recommend admission of additional candidates of exceptional merit, subject to regulatory limits.

Chotanagpur Law College actively promotes innovative and interdisciplinary legal research. Admissions shall strictly follow the reservation policy of the Government of India and UGC regulations as applicable.

Reservation shall apply as per Jharkhand State Government.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Admission will be conducted through a two-stage selection process:

Stage I – CNLC Research Eligibility Test (CNLC-RET)

- ▶ Conducted once every academic year
- ▶ 50% Research Methodology + 50% Law Subjects
- ▶ Minimum qualifying marks:
 - 50% (General)
 - 45% (SC/ST/Differently-Abled)

Exemption from CNLC-RET for candidates qualified in: UGC-NET (JRF/Ph.D.) / SLET / JET / BET or other UGC-recognized tests.

Stage II – Research Proposal & Interview (Viva-Voce)

Shortlisted candidates (up to 3× available seats) will present their proposal before the Departmental Research Committee (DRC).

Final Merit Weightage:

- Entrance Test / NET Score – 70%
- Research Proposal & Interview – 30%

PROVISIONAL ENROLLMENT & SYNOPSIS APPROVAL

Selected candidates shall be provisionally enrolled on recommendation of the DRC. Within 30 days, the candidate must submit a detailed research synopsis, which will be reviewed by subject experts and finalized through the Doctoral Committee (DC).

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENT

All scholars must complete 12 credits coursework:

Paper Code	Title	Credits
Ph.D.-101	Subject Related to Research Area	4
Ph.D.-102	Research Methodology, Research Ethics & Computer Applications	4
Ph.D.-103	Research Proposal Preparation & Presentation	4

Minimum 55% marks required to continue in the programme.

RESEARCH MONITORING

Every scholar shall be monitored by a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and must present semester-wise progress reports.

PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT

Before thesis submission, a scholar must:

- Publish at least one research paper in a refereed journal
- Present two papers in conferences/seminars

PLAGIARISM & AI USE POLICY

- ▶ Maximum similarity index allowed: 10%
- ▶ AI tools allowed only for support (language/formatting)
- ▶ AI-generated content must not exceed 15% and must be disclosed

FOREIGN NATIONALS

Foreign candidates may apply through:

- Open Advertisement
- Study in India Programme
- ICCR Programme
- Entrance Test exemption applies; English proficiency required.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Application Form, Prospectus, Syllabus for CNLC-RET, Important Dates, and Fee Details shall be available on the official CNLC website.

Applicants must submit:

- Application Form
- Academic Certificates
- Research Proposal
- Category Certificate (if applicable)
- NET/JRF Proof (if claiming exemption)

Fees Structure for Ph.D. Programme for Full-Time Research Scholars

S. No.	Particulars		Fees
I.	Fees payable		
1.	1 st Semester fee (including Academic & Registration)		₹ 40,000
2.	2 nd Semester fee (including Academic & Library etc.)		₹ 25,000
3.	3 rd Semester fee (including Academic & Library etc.)		₹ 25,000
4.	4 th Semester fee (including Academic & Library etc.)		₹ 25,000
5.	5 th Semester fee (including Academic & Library etc.)		₹ 25,000
6.	6 th Semester fee (including Academic & Examination)		₹ 55,000
	After 3 years (from 7th Semester Onwards) ₹10,000/- per semester shall be payable		
Total			₹ 1,95,000

S. No.	Particulars	Fees
Fee Structure for Part-Time Research Scholars		
1.	1st Semester fee (including Academic & Registration)	₹ 50,000
2.	2nd Semester fee (including Academic & Library etc.)	₹ 40,000
3.	3rd Semester fee (including Academic & Library etc.)	₹ 40,000
4.	4th Semester fee (including Academic & Library etc.)	₹ 40,000
5.	5th Semester fee (including Academic & Library etc.)	₹ 40,000
6.	6th Semester fee (including Academic & Library etc.)	₹ 40,000
8.	7th Semester fee (including Academic & Library etc.))	₹40,000
9.	8th Semester fee (including Academic & Examination)	₹55,000
	After 4 years (From 8th Semester Onwards) ₹10,000/- per semester shall be payable	
Total		₹ 3,45,000

Grievance:

Those candidates who have not been selected in Research Entrance Test 2026 and want to see their Answer Sheet may apply through an application with depositing of ₹ 2500/- through Demand Draft in favour of "CHOTANAGPUR LAW COLLEGE, RANCHI" or through Bank Challan and after depositing the said Fees, the scanned Answer Sheet of applicant will be sent to the e-mail id of applicant within 72 hours. The college has Student's Grievance Redressal Cell (SGRC), ensuring that it is regularly updated and formally notified in compliance with regulatory requirements.

Link of SGRC: <https://cnlawcollege.ac.in/students/sgc>

Application Process for Research Entrance Test :

The application process is conducted entirely online. Interested candidates can apply for the Research Entrance Test through the official college website (www.cnlawcollege.ac.in). Applicants must complete the online form, upload the required documents, and submit it upon successful payment of the Admission Form Fee, which includes the Entrance Test Fee.

Link of Admission Form :

<https://erp.eshiksa.net/DirectFeesv3/ChotanagpurLawCollegePhD>

Admission Form Fee including Entrance Test : ₹ 2,500/- only.

Those candidate who are exempted from giving Entrance Test also have to pay admission form fee of Rs. 2,500/- only.

CONTACT

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RESEARCH PROPOSAL

(Ph.D. Programme in Law – Chotanagpur Law College, Ranchi)

1. TITLE OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH

(Clear, specific, and research-oriented)

2. BROAD AREA OF RESEARCH

(e.g., Constitutional Law / Criminal Law / Corporate Law / Interdisciplinary)

3. SUB-AREA / SPECIFIC THEME

4. STATEMENT OF THE RESEARCH PROBLEM

(Define the legal issue, gap in law or scholarship, and need for research)

5. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

(Brief overview of major books, articles, reports; identify research gap)

6. RESEARCH QUESTIONS / HYPOTHESIS

(Frame clear and researchable questions)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

(If applicable, state hypothesis)

7. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

(Specific and measurable)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

8. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(Tick and explain)

- ☐ Doctrinal
- ☐ Empirical
- ☐ Comparative
- ☐ Socio-Legal
- ☐ Interdisciplinary

Details of Methodology:

Sources of Data:

- ☐ Primary Sources
- ☐ Secondary Sources

9. SCOPE OF THE STUDY

(Jurisdictional, thematic, and temporal limits)

10. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

(Academic, legal, policy, or social relevance)

11. ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE

(Explain novelty and expected contribution)

12. TENTATIVE CHAPTERISATION

Chapter No.	Tentative Title
Chapter I	Introduction
Chapter II	_____
Chapter III	_____
Chapter IV	_____
Chapter V	Conclusion & Suggestions

13. PROPOSED TIME-LINE

Activity	Duration
Literature Review	_____ Months
Data Collection / Analysis	_____ Months
Writing	_____ Months
Final Submission	_____ Months

14. PRELIMINARY BIBLIOGRAPHY

(Books, journals, reports, cases – indicative)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

15. DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the proposed research topic is original, has not been registered earlier for any Ph.D. degree, and conforms to the **UGC Regulations** and **CNLC Ph.D. Regulations, 2026**. I undertake to follow ethical research practices and plagiarism norms prescribed by the College.

Place: _____

Date: _____

Signature of the Applicant

FOR OFFICIAL USE (DRC)

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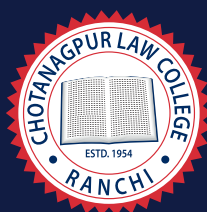
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Remarks: _____

Signatures of DRC Members



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