

CJI Criticises BCI's Interference in NALSAR Student Enrollment

Supreme Court criticized the Bar Council of India's interference with NALSAR students' enrollment and sought an affidavit.

The issue involves the Bar Council of India's attempt to stop the professional enrollment of NALSAR's 2026 batch, which the Supreme Court deemed unwarranted interference.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Chief Justice of India** (CJI) **Surya Kant** questioned the **Bar Council of India's** (BCI) move to stop the professional enrollment of **NALSAR's 2026 batch**.
- The **Supreme Court** barred the **BCI** from taking coercive action against **NALSAR** students, faculty, or administration.
- The **Supreme Court** also sought an explanation in the form of an **affidavit** from the **BCI** regarding the issuance of these circulars.
- A plea by **NALSAR alumni** stated that the **BCI letters** created a chilling effect on the **freedom of speech**.
- The Chief Justice of India **Surya Kant's** criticism was made on Friday, **August 14, 2026**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Bar Council of India** (BCI) is a **statutory body** established under the **Advocates Act, 1961**.

The **BCI** regulates **legal education** and the **legal profession** in India, setting standards for professional conduct and etiquette for advocates.

NALSAR (National Academy of Legal Studies and Research) is a premier national law university located in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.

The **Chief Justice of India** (CJI) is the head of the Indian judiciary and the **Supreme Court of India**, appointed by the **President of India**.

Article 124 of the **Indian Constitution** provides for the establishment and constitution of the **Supreme Court of India**.

Article 19(1)(a) of the **Indian Constitution** guarantees the right to **freedom of speech and expression** to all citizens.

Article 32 of the **Indian Constitution** grants the right to **constitutional remedies**, allowing citizens to move the **Supreme Court** for the enforcement of fundamental rights.

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