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CLAT v. AILET: Should You Prepare for Both?

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CLAT or AILET? Should you prepare for both?

If you are aspiring to join a top law school in India, chances are you're eyeing two of the most important law entrance exams: CLAT (Common Law Admission Test) and AILET (All India Law Entrance Test). Both exams serve as gateways to prestigious law universities, but preparing for both simultaneously can be challenging.

This post will walk you through the key differences, similarities, and strategies to help you decide whether preparing for both CLAT and AILET is the right choice for you.

Understanding CLAT and AILET Examination

CLAT is a national-level law entrance exam conducted by the Consortium of National Law Universities (NLUs). It is the gateway for admission into 22 NLUs across India, offering both undergraduate and postgraduate law courses.

AILET is conducted by the National Law University, Delhi (NLU-D), and is specific to admissions for NLU Delhi. Unlike CLAT, which caters to multiple law schools, AILET is exclusively for this single prestigious institution.

Both exams are highly competitive, but the fact that AILET is limited to just one university can make it a make-or-break opportunity for law aspirants.

Key Differences Between CLAT and AILET

While both the exams have some commonalities, there are several critical differences in their structure and syllabus that you should consider before deciding to prepare for both.

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Current Affairs, Quantitative TechniquesEnglish, Logical Reasoning, Legal Aptitude, General Knowledge, Elementary Maths

One major difference is the number of questions. AILET asks more questions in a shorter duration, making time management more crucial. The syllabus for both exams is largely similar but AILET tends to have a slightly more difficult English section and includes more challenging logical reasoning questions.

Should You Prepare for Both CLAT and AILET?

The decision to prepare for both CLAT and AILET depends on several factors:

- If your goal is to secure a seat at NLU Delhi, it makes sense to prepare for AILET alongside CLAT. However, if you're open to other top NLUs, focusing solely on CLAT could be a more practical approach.
- Preparing for two competitive exams simultaneously can be exhausting. Both exams require a rigorous study plan, and managing time between CLAT and AILET prep could overwhelm some students. If you're someone who excels in multitasking and maintaining focus under pressure, preparing for both might be feasible. Both exams test similar skills, preparing for both can sharpen your overall aptitude, legal reasoning, and general knowledge.
- If you've practiced mocks for both exams and are equally confident in the subjects tested, preparing for both may be worthwhile. However, if you find a noticeable difference in your performance between the two, it may be best to focus on the exam you're more comfortable with.

In either case, consistent practice, strategic planning, and mock tests will help you excel in your law entrance exams.

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