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How to Prepare for CLAT UG 2026: A Month-by-Month Roadmap to December 7 (Tentative)

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If you're reading this, chances are you've set your sights on a seat at one of India's premier National Law Universities. The CLAT UG 2026 exam is tentatively scheduled for **December 7, 2025**, and you have just under five months to prepare. That might seem like a lot of time or not nearly enough depending on where you currently stand. Either way, the key is to use the time you have efficiently, deliberately, and without panic.

In this article, we'll take you through a structured, month wise roadmap to make the most of the remaining months. This is not just another generic study plan. It's based on what works, what doesn't, and what recent toppers and educators have consistently recommended. It includes strategies, recommended resources, and realistic goals you can follow, regardless of whether you're starting now or already have a head start.

Understanding CLAT UG 2026: The Format and What It Demands

CLAT UG is not a test of rote learning. It is a test of how well you read, how well you comprehend, and how effectively you can think under pressure.

Here's a quick breakdown of the paper:

- Total Questions: 120
- Duration: 120 minutes
- Sections:
  - English Language
  - Current Affairs including General Knowledge
  - Legal Reasoning
  - Logical Reasoning

- Quantitative Techniques

Each section is comprehension based. Passages range from 300 to 450 words, followed by 4–6 multiple choice questions that test your ability to extract information, make inferences, identify assumptions, and apply reasoning skills. This means that **your preparation should focus on skills** not just information.

July 2025: Build the Base

If you're starting in July, consider this your foundation phase.

What You Should Do:

- Understand the exam pattern and mark distribution.
- Take a diagnostic mock test to assess your current level.
- Start reading newspapers daily preferably The Hindu or The Indian Express focusing on the editorial and front page sections.
- Begin building reading stamina by tackling 1–2 passages every day.
- Start with basic concepts in Quantitative Techniques using NCERT Class 9 and 10 books.

Focus Areas:

- Vocabulary building (use Word Power Made Easy or Vocab24 app)
- Improve reading speed and comprehension
- Understand the structure of legal and logical reasoning questions

Goal: Develop strong reading habits, basic legal familiarity, and comfort with CLAT style questions.

August 2025: Start Targeted Section Wise Practice

Now that you have a feel for the exam, it's time to get strategic.

English Language:

- Practice comprehension passages, focusing on identifying tone, main idea, and inferences.
- Maintain a personal vocabulary notebook or use digital flashcards.

Current Affairs & GK:

- Make daily notes. Use monthly compendiums from CLATalogue, Pratiyogita Darpan, etc.
- Focus on issues, not just headlines: Why is it important? What are its legal and constitutional implications?

Legal Reasoning:

- Understand basic concepts in Torts, Contracts, and Criminal Law.
- Learn to read a legal principle and apply it to fact scenarios (principle fact questions).
- Resources: CLATalogue's sample questions, previous year CLAT papers, and legal reasoning practice books.

Logical Reasoning:

- Focus on arguments, assumptions, and critical reasoning.
- Practice from GMAT style CR passages and CLAT specific logical reasoning books.

Quantitative Techniques:

- Percentages, ratios, averages, time and work, profit-loss, these are crucial.
- Aim for concept clarity. Don't try to memorise tricks before understanding the basics.

Weekly Plan:

- 3–4 days of focused subject wise practice
- 1 mock test every two weeks
- 1 full day for revision and current affairs catchup

September 2025: Test, Evaluate, Improve

September is the month to ramp things up.

What Changes:

- Start giving weekly mocks under timed conditions.
- After each mock, do a full analysis. Where did you lose marks accuracy, time, or comprehension?
- Start maintaining an error log. Review it weekly.

Sectional Focus:

- GK: Revise from your notes, don’t chase too many sources.
- Legal: Solve principle based questions under time pressure.
- Quant: Attempt caselet based DI sets from CLATalogue and other practice platforms.

Add Depth:

- Read long form legal opinion articles from CLATalogue, The Hindu, LiveLaw, Bar & Bench, and PRS India.
- Attempt questions from past 3–4 years of CLAT UG papers, they’re gold.

October 2025: Simulate and Strengthen

October is where real competition prep begins.

Key Actions:

- Give 2 full length mocks per week
- Work on your mental stamina. Each mock should be treated like the real thing, 2 hours, no interruptions, and no breaks.
- Revisit and revise your previous mocks. Spend time figuring out the kind of questions you always get wrong.

Strategy Shifts:

- Instead of attempting more new content, start consolidating what you know.
- Deep dive into the types of legal and logical questions where you struggle.

November 2025: Refine and Reassure

This is your final month of full preparation.

Focus Areas:

- Revise all current affairs from July to November
- Take two full mocks each week, and aim to finish each one with confidence
- Make one page revision notes for:
  - Legal principles and landmark cases
  - GK topics (international affairs, major SC rulings, key bills and policies)
  - Math formulas and shortcuts

Avoid:

- Adding too many new resources
- Attempting difficult material a day before a mock
- Ignoring health and sleep

December 2025: The Last Mile

By now, your focus should shift from learning to maintaining clarity.

First Week of December:

- Take 2 light mocks with a 1 day gap in between.
- Go through error logs and revision notes.
- Keep your study light but structured. Avoid last minute panic reading.

Day Before the Exam:

- Pack your bag, arrange your ID, water bottle, and admit card.
- Sleep well it matters more than any last minute quiz.

What Toppers Do Differently

1. They track everything. What you study, how you performed in mocks, what errors you repeat.
2. They don’t waste time switching resources. Stick to 1–2 sources per section and revise them well.
3. They stay consistent, not perfect. No one gets every mock right but they all keep showing up.

Recommended Resources

Section	Resources
Legal Reasoning	CLATalogue, previous year papers
English	Word Power Made Easy, editorial reading (Hindu/Express)
Current Affairs	CLATalogue Monthly Roundups, PRS India, LiveLaw (landmark cases only)
Logical Reasoning	CLATalogue’s Reasoning Sectional Tests
Maths	Class 9–10 NCERT, RS Aggarwal (basics only), CLATalogue DI practice sets

Final Thoughts

Preparing for CLAT UG 2026 isn’t about being the smartest student in your class. It’s about being the most consistent, the most focused, and the most adaptable. The exam rewards readers, thinkers, and those who take their preparation seriously over time.

There’s still enough time. Use every day wisely. Stick to a routine. Track your progress. And keep reminding yourself: the goal is not to be perfect the goal is to get just enough questions right to secure that seat in your dream NLU.

You’ve got this.