



First Adv. Vijayaraghavan Memorial National Essay Competition, 2019

School of Legal Studies

Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala

About School of Legal Studies

One of the oldest law schools in India, School of Legal Studies (SLS) was established in the year 1962 as a part of Kerala University offering post graduate courses and research in law. The Law School joined the folds of University of Cochin, in the year 1971, which was later reorganized and renamed as Cochin University of Science and Technology in 1986 for the promotion of graduate, post graduate studies and advanced research in various fields. Over the decades, since its inception, the Law School has blossomed into one of the top institutions among law schools engaged in teaching and research in India. SLS has made valuable contributions to the study and research of law in the past 55 years, fully living up to the motto of CUSAT 'Tejaswinavadhitamastu' meaning 'may the wisdom accrued deify us both-the teacher and the taught and percolate to the universe' in its totality.

SLS offers LL.B., LL.M. and Ph.D. programmes. The LL.B. Programme, which started in 1994 as an evening programme, is now a semesterised full day programme. From 2009, as per the directions from the Bar Council of India, the 5 Year LL.B. course had been restructured and a B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.) programme is offered in its place. From the year 2013, SLS has also started B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.) programme. Both programmes consist of regular course of study spread over 10 semesters. The LL.M. course is also a semesterised and credit based programme with continuous evaluation. From 2012, School of Legal Studies has been offering 3 Year LL.B. Programme for

graduate students. The 3 Year LL.B. Programme consist of regular course of study spread over period of six semesters. SLS also offers both full time as well as part time Ph. D. programme in law for the purpose of encouraging research in contemporary legal issues.

About Adv. Vijayaraghavan

Born in the year 1931 in a Village near Punalur, Kollam, Sri P. Vijayaraghavan, completed his schooling and joined the SN. College, Kollam and pursued his Degree in Zoology. He joined the Govt. law College, Thiruvananthapuram and secured a Degree in Law in the year 1957. His legal acumen and skill came to be noticed and in a few years, he became one of the most sought after lawyers in the trial side. During a span of about 60 years in actual practice he was able to acquire a name for himself in the legal profession. The lawyers who were trained under him went on to become stalwarts in the legal profession and outstanding jurists and academicians. Two of his juniors were elevated to the High Court as well. Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan, his only son, is a sitting judge of the High Court of Kerala and has instituted this essay competition in his memory.

Topic:

- Reintroduction of ‘Adultery’ into the Indian Penal Code, 1860 – A Step in the Right Direction?
- Constitutional Validity of Section 377 of IPC – A Debatable Issue
- Section 376(2) of IPC: A Draconian Provision?

Eligibility

1. The Competition is open to all students pursuing under-graduate (three/five year) or post-graduate law degrees from any law school/university/college recognized by the Bar Council of India.
2. Only one submission per author shall be entertained.

Submission Guidelines

1. The participants have to submit an essay on **ANY ONE** of the listed themes
2. All submissions shall be in English language

3. All essays should be original work of authors and any submission that is found to be plagiarized shall be disqualified from the Competition.
4. Participant shall not include his/her name or affiliation in the submission's text in any form. The same shall be provided in a cover letter accompanying the essay.
5. All essays should be accompanied with a cover letter with the following details:
 - a. Name of Participant:
 - b. Year and Course (UG/ PG):
 - c. University Name:
 - d. Institutional Address (For delivery of certificate):
 - e. Contact Number:
 - f. Email id.
6. Any previously published entry would not be permitted. A declaration to that effect should be accompanied with the submission.
7. Co-authorship is not allowed.
8. The word limit for the essay is 4000 – 5000 words **excluding footnotes** accompanied with an Abstract of 250- 300 words.

Format Guidelines

1. Submission shall be made **ONLY** in **PDF format**.
2. Submission shall be typewritten in an A4 sized document with 1-inch margin on all sides.
3. All text should be justified.
4. Main text of the submission shall be in Font Times New Roman 12- point with line spacing of 1.5.
5. All footnotes shall be in Font Times New Roman 10-point with line spacing of 1.
6. OSCOLA style of Citation should be followed for footnotes.

Procedure for submission

1. A soft copy of the submission has to be mailed to vmnec.sls@gmail.com

2. Subject of the e-mail should be “Submission: VMNEC, 2019 – Theme of the paper”.
3. The file name of the essay submitted shall be the name of the Participant.
4. The file name of the cover letter shall be “cover letter _ <Name of the Participant>”
5. The file name of the declaration shall be “Declaration”
6. There shall be **NO** registration fees.

Important Deadlines:

1. Last Date of Submission of the Essay: January 15th , 2019 (11:59 pm)
2. Declaration of the results: February 20th, 2019 (World Day of Social Justice)

Winners shall be awarded the following prize money:

- First Prize: Rs. 12,000/-
- Second Prize: Rs. 7,000/-
- Third Prize: Rs. 3,000/-

The **top three** submissions shall be published in Cochin University Law Review [CULR] and the **top ten** submissions shall be given merit certificates.

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