



**ICFAI LAW SCHOOL, DEHRADUN**

***PRESENTS***

**NATIONAL ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION  
ON  
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES UNDER CONSTITUTIONAL LAW IN INDIA**

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## **I. About the College**

ICFAI Law School (formerly known as Faculty of Law), a constituent of the ICFAI University, Dehradun is established with an objective of developing a new generation of legal professionals through comprehensive and contemporary body of knowledge, integrating law with Management and Humanities. ICFAI Law School is committed to shape a new cadre of legal professionals through integration of theoretical and empirical educational curriculum/programs.

## **II. About the Competition**

In an effort to disseminate legal knowledge and research, ICFAI Law School, Dehradun presents **1<sup>st</sup> National Article Writing Competition** to give a platform to budding lawyers to express their views on the integral legal issues. The primary objective of this competition is to encourage law students across various colleges in India, to develop analytical thinking on some of the important socio-legal problems through the lens of law.

With an endeavor to encourage the enthusiasm of the young students of the legal fraternity to come up with new ideas and suggestions to decipher current legal conflicts, the broad theme of the competition is reserved as “*Contemporary Issues in India under Constitutional Law*”.

### **Sub Themes:**

- Constitutional Morality
- Data Protection Bill and Right to Privacy
- Patriarchy and Permanent Commission in Army
- Constitutional Supremacy or Parliamentary Sovereignty?

## **III. Rules and Guidelines**

- a. Students pursuing the three or five-year LL.B. course from any Law school/ college/ university in India are eligible to participate.

- b. Students pursuing their LL.M. from any Law school/ college/ university are eligible to participate.
- c. Co-authorship to a maximum of two authors is permitted.
- d. Only one submission shall be allowed per author, and in case of co-authors, one submission shall be deemed to include both. Separate submissions of co-authors shall be taken as multiple submissions, which will be subject to rejection and disqualification.
- e. The registration is restricted to only 100 participants, which will be strictly on "First Come First Serve basis".

#### IV. Important Dates

1.	Release of Competition	15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020
2.	Last Date for Abstract Submission	1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2020
3.	Last Date for Article Submission	15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020
4.	Declaration of Results	30 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020 (Tentative)

#### V. Registration and Abstract Submissions

- a. Registration for the Competition shall be free of cost.
- b. Submission of Abstract shall amount to registration for the Competition.
- c. A brief abstract not exceeding 300 words, on the topic chosen, must be emailed to the organizers at [nlec2403@gmail.com](mailto:nlec2403@gmail.com) in PDF format on or before 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020.
- d. A five-digit Unique code shall be mailed to the participants whose abstract would be shortlisted.
- e. The participants whose abstracts are shortlisted are directed not to mention any of their personal details while submitting their Article. Furnishing any such detail shall lead to disqualification.

- f. The subject of the email and name of the file must be “Abstract Submission”. Each Abstract shall be accompanied by a Cover-letter which shall include the details of the participants as to:
- Title of the Article
  - Name(s) of the Author(s)
  - E-mail address and contact details of the Author(s)
  - Name of the college/institution/university of Author(s)
  - Program enrolled and year of study of Author(s).
- g. Failure of adherence to the above format of abstract submission may result in disqualification.

## **VI. Article Submissions**

- a. The soft copy of Article (one in Word file and one in Pdf) must be emailed to the organizers at [nlec2403@gmail.com](mailto:nlec2403@gmail.com) latest by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- b. The subject of the e-mail and name of the file must be “Article Submission XXXXX(Unique no.)”.

## **VII. Guidelines**

- a. The Articles shall be in English.
- b. The name(s) of the author(s) must not be disclosed or mentioned anywhere in the Article.
- c. The word limit for the Article is 1500-2500 words, which is exclusive of footnotes or any other references.
- d. The mandatory formatting specifications for the Article are
- 1-inch margin on all sides;
  - Times New Roman with 12 font size & 1.5-line spacing.

- For footnotes, the mandatory formatting specifications shall be Times New Roman typeface with 10font size; and Single (1) line spacing.
- e. References and precedents must be cited throughout the Article using the Bluebook 20<sup>th</sup> edition citation Method.
- f. The Article should be the original work of the authors & must not have been published elsewhere.
- g. The submissions must be in both Word (.doc/.docx) and PDF (.pdf) formats.
- h. Authors must strictly follow the guidelines failing which their submission may not be considered.

### **VIII. Evaluation of Articles**

- a. Every Article shall be evaluated on a scale of 100 marks.
- b. The criteria for evaluating an Article shall be:
  - Clarity of Thought – 25 marks
  - Proper and Articulate Analysis -25 marks
  - Novelty -25 marks
  - Grammar and Language -25 marks

### **IX. Penalties**

- a. “Abstract Submission”: If participants submitting abstracts fail to furnish the concerned particulars on the Cover Letter, theyshall be disqualified at this stage only.
- b. Late submission: 2 marks for every 12 hours’ delay; disqualification after 48 hours.
- c. Incorrect file name: 2 marks.
- d. Improper formatting: 2 marks for each instance.
- e. Improper references: 5 marks for each instance.

- f. Exceeding word limit: 2 marks for each page.

## **X. Awards**

- a. The author with the highest score will be declared as the “Winner” and shall be awarded a **Certificate of Merit+ Publication of Article in University E-Magazine**.
- b. The runner up shall be awarded **Certificate of Appreciation + Publication of Article in University E-Magazine**.
- c. Participation Certificates shall be awarded, via email, to top 30 entries.

## **XI. Miscellaneous**

- a. No Article or any part thereof, should have been published or should be under consideration for publication or a contest otherwise than this competition. Furthermore, any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of an Article. Plagiarism higher than 15% shall be disqualified in the preliminary round of evaluation.
- b. The authors by virtue of submitting the Article, give the University, the right to publish the entries without any royalty or compensation.
- c. A Panel of Evaluators shall be constituted to evaluate and select the winning entries and the decision of the Panel shall be final and binding.
- d. The participant by entering in the competition agrees to indemnify the University from and against claims, suit and damages based on any claim of copyright infringement or plagiarism or unauthorized use.
- e. The University reserves the absolute rights to cancel, defer or postpone indefinitely, the competition in an event accruing to any contingency, natural or man-made.

- f. In case of any dispute, the decision of the University shall be final and binding and is not liable to any clarification to any of the participants regarding evaluation of his/her Article.



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