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Birth, never decides worth.

(Celebrating 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of  
Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar)

## First Annual Essay Writing Competition, 2015

Organized by



Centre for  
Constitutional & Administrative Law

## INTRODUCTION:

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, a great scholar, pragmatic leader and the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, is remembered as one of the most luminous personalities in Indian history. He was the foremost advocate of Dalit empowerment, a champion of social and educational reform and vehement opposer of caste discrimination. In the battle against the caste system, he single-handedly performed the roles of a researcher, a theoretician, an organiser, a journalist, a politician and a leader, striking the very heart of the caste system which was deeply embedded in the Indian society.

Undoubtedly the best tribute to his life would be the remembrance and revitalization of his thoughts and ideas. By inviting young minds to deliberate and analyse his views and works in the context of the contemporaneous society we, through this essay competition, seek to open new avenues of thinking, reasoning and dissipation of novel ideas.

### **About CCAL:**

The Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law (CCAL) was established with the aim to conduct dedicated research in the spheres of Indian Constitutional and Administrative Law and related inter-disciplinary concerns. CCAL's endeavours to provide an avenue for students from different disciplines to freely express their views on the working of the Constitution and to enhance their understanding on associated contemporary points of issue. In furtherance of these objectives, CCAL takes pride in organising the CCAL's 1<sup>st</sup> Essay Writing Competition as part of the celebrations of the 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

### **About the competition:**

The proposed essay writing competition will provide an interdisciplinary forum to present views on importance of Ambedkar's ideas, ways to empower socially oppressed and ostracized groups, exploration of policies and practices to reform current system to encourage marginalized masses and strengthening judicial approach to engage with pressing demands for social justice. The basic purpose of this event is to create a meaningful dialogue on social justice agenda through active participation of intellectuals.

## Rules and Guidelines:

### A] Eligibility

- All students pursuing graduate, post graduate courses.
- Each submission can be co-authored by a maximum of two members on any one of the below mentioned topics.

### B] Topics

- **Annihilation of Castes**
- **From Social Injustice to Social Justice: The Ambedkarian Way**
- **Ambedkar, Reservation, Constitution: Consolidating the Agenda in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

### C] Submission Procedure

- A soft copy of the essay must be submitted *ccalessay@gnlu.ac.in* on or before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015.
- The essay must be sent as a word document (.doc or .docx) and in a PDF format.
- The email should carry subject as "Submission CCAL-GNLU Essay Competition-2015".
- The essay must be accompanied by the following documents:
  - Scan copy of University/Institution Identity Card.
  - Covering letter containing the following details (*co-author details also to be provided ,in the same letter*):-
    1. Name of the Author:
    2. Contact no:
    3. Address of Student:
    4. Email id:
    5. Name of college/institution:
    6. Course and year/Semester of study:
    7. Address of the college (including contact no. and official Email- id):
    8. Title of the essay:

## Rules and Guidelines (Contd):

### D] Submission guidelines

- **LENGTH** – The word limit shall be 2500-3500 words excluding footnotes.
- **RULES OF FORMATTING:**
  - **Main text:**

Page Margins: 1.5 inch on left side margin and 1 inch on all other sides Body of Essay  
Font Type: Garamond  
Font Size: 12 pts  
Line spacing: 1.5 spacing with '0 pts.' before and '12 points' after  
Alignment: Justified
  - **Footnotes:**

Font Type: Garamond  
Font Size: 10 pts  
Line spacing: Single spacing with '0 pts.' before and after.  
Alignment: Justified  
Style: The Chicago Manual of Style (CMS) 16<sup>th</sup> Edition  
Citation style must be followed. Citations can be in the form of footnotes or endnotes

### E] Judging and Scoring

- Each essay shall be scored against maximum marks of 100.
- The essay shall be judged based on the following criteria :-
  1. Contents – 30 marks
  2. Clarity - 30 marks
  3. Formatting and presentation – 20 marks
  4. Originality – 20 marks
- 0.25 marks shall be deducted for each violation of the aforementioned formatting rules.
- The submissions shall be subjected to an initial screening by the screening committee constituted by the CCAL. The authors of the short-listed submissions shall be intimated accordingly.

### F] Grounds for Disqualification

- The essay must strictly be original and should not have been published elsewhere. Partial or complete plagiarism will lead to immediate disqualification.
- The main body of the essay should not carry any mention of the name, contact details, or the name of the institution. In any other case, it shall lead to immediate disqualification.
- Multiple submissions by a participant(s).
- Late submission of the essay.

### G] Prizes

- The winner shall receive a cash prize of Rs 10,000.
- The first runner up shall receive a cash prize of Rs 7,500.
- The second runner up shall receive a cash prize of Rs 5,000.

### H] Publication

Winning essays at the discretion of the editorial members may be chosen for publication in a Journal with an ISBN number.

### I] Miscellaneous

All rights of winning submissions will vest with Gujarat National Law University. All matters pertaining to the eligibility of participants, essays, evaluation of submissions and awarding of prizes is within the sole and absolute discretion of the Centre for Constitutional and Administrative Law, GNLU.

### J] Important Dates

Last date for submission: 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2015  
Announcement of results: First week of January