

## **NCU 1<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION 2017**

### **ABOUT THE THEME - ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

*Quality of environment determines the quality of life. Clean environment helps in enriching the quality of life. In the past few decades' awareness of the damaging effects of environmental pollution on human beings and their quality of life has increased dramatically. In the hustle-bustle of life, man has almost forgotten nature and has become more and more modernized with the aid of latest scientific and technological developments. At its core, environmental justice is about incorporating environmental issues into the broader intellectual and institutional framework of human rights and democratic accountability. The term necessarily encompasses the widest possible definition of what is considered "environmental" and is unrepentantly anthropocentric in its orientation placing people, rather than flora and fauna, at the center of a complex web of social, economic, political, and environmental relationships. Most important, it concerns itself primarily with the environmental injustices of these relationships, and the ways and means of rectifying these wrongs and/or avoiding them in the future.*

*Environmental justice is about social transformation directed towards meeting basic human needs and enhancing our quality of life—economic quality, health care, housing, human rights, environmental protection, and democracy. In linking environmental and social justice issues the environmental justice approach seeks to challenge the abuse of power which results in poor people having to suffer the effects of environmental damage caused by the greed of others. Keeping in mind the importance of Environmental Justice in the socio-economic milieu of the day, School of Law, The NorthCap University is organizing an International Essay Writing Competition on the above mentioned broad theme.*

### **ABOUT THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY (NCU)**

*The NorthCap University was founded in 1996, to promote excellence in Technical and Management education by Educate India Society, registered under the Registration of Societies Act of 1860. The University was conceived as Institute of Technology and Management in response to the acute deficiency of centres of higher learning in the country as also, the need to develop relevant human capital to meet the technology and management challenges of the 21st century. The founders had a clear and well defined mission - to build an unaided, self - financed University committed to delivering education of internationally recognized standards, a University that would go on to serve as an intellectual resource base in India and the sub-continent.*

*The Institute gained the status of private university in the Academic Year 2009-10, and was renamed ITM University under section 2(f) of the UGC Act 1956 and PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES ACT NO 25 OF 2009, Government of Haryana. Subsequently the University has been rebranded as **The NorthCap University** in August 2015. Committed to making a profound and lasting contribution to society, NCU recognises its exalted role of creating 'Educated Citizens' - citizens with a powerful sense of fairness, a profound belief in democratic ideals and a willingness to celebrate talent of many kinds. For the founders, this goal is rich with meaning. The NorthCap University stands faithful to the vision of its founders - it seeks students and faculty who take seriously their commitment to their community and their world, who are aware, active and involved. Students who graduate from NCU are expected to understand the technological, environmental and ethical challenges they will face in a world of accelerating change. Recognizing that those challenges will*

*transcend the traditional boundaries between disciplines and nations, NCU encourages education that is distinctively interdisciplinary and international.*

### **ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW (SOL)**

*The School has continually strived to achieve excellence in legal education through interactive teaching-learning process, clinical opportunities, exposures to the legal profession through internships and externships, industry ready curricula and innumerable opportunities to interact with the stalwarts in the legal profession. The faculty at the School grooms the knowledge, skills and values of all the students to make them not only a competent legal professionals but also complete human beings. Apart from a team of competent and dedicated law teachers, a host of other legal professionals like judges, eminent lawyers, in-house general counsels, activists, bureaucrats and leaders of the bar and the bench, regularly groom our students on lawyering and critical legal thinking skills. Integration of the study of Law with Management subjects not only assists in developing our law students to excel as Lawyers but also as great Managers.*

*The innovative course matrix adopted by the **School of Law** with Honours and Elective Courses on specialization and super specialization subjects gives our students a competitive edge over other law students studying elsewhere. The achievements of our students in various Moot Court competitions, debates, MUNs and other extracurricular activities including sports, stand testimony to the fact that **NCU School of Law** is one of the **leading law schools in Delhi/ NCR** and encourages selected students to be academically sound in an enabling atmosphere conducive to their all-round development.*

#### • **SUB THEMES-**

- ❖ *Environmental Democracy and Access Rights*
- ❖ *Sustainable Development and Disaster Management*
- ❖ *Legal and Human Right Perspective on Environmental Justice*
- ❖ *Environmental Justice and Basic needs*
- ❖ *International Initiatives towards Environment Protection*
- ❖ *Role of Supreme Court and Environmental Justice in India*
- ❖ *National Green Tribunal and Environment Protection*
- ❖ *E- waste Management and Environment*
- ❖ *Bioterrorism*
- ❖ *Environmental Democracy and Social Justice*
- ❖ *Challenges to Environmental Democracy*
- ❖ *Environmental Justice and Accountability*

#### • **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- ❖ *The Competition is open to the students who are pursuing their 5/ 3 Year LLB Course / LL.M./ M.Phil./ Ph.D./ or any other Undergraduate or Master courses (other than Law) in any university across the world.*
- ❖ *Co-authorship to a maximum of two authors is permitted.*
- ❖ *Only original essays will be considered for the competition.*
- ❖ *No part of it should have been published earlier nor should it be under consideration for publication or a contest elsewhere.*

❖ *Moreover, any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the essay.*

• **REGISTRATION FEES**

- ❖ *The registration fee for essay will be Rs. 1000.*
- ❖ *Registration fee is to be paid through Demand draft in favour of “The NorthCap University”, Gurugram payable at Gurugram only.*

• **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION**

- ❖ *The essay must be written in **English**.*
- ❖ *Only one submission is allowed per author/co-author.*
- ❖ *Scanned copy of Registration form is to be sent along with Demand Draft and should be emailed to [balwindersingh@ncuindia.edu](mailto:balwindersingh@ncuindia.edu)*
- ❖ *The registration form must be signed and sealed by the head of institution/University.*
- ❖ *The submission shall consist of an abstract, essay and bibliography.*
- ❖ *An abstract should not be more than **200 words** mentioning title and keywords must be attached.*
- ❖ *The essay should not be more than **3000 words** (excluding footnotes).*
- ❖ *Footnotes must conform to authoritative standard rules of legal citation and must include a description of each authority adequate to allow a reasonable reader to identify and locate the authority in a publication of general circulation. ILI style of Foot noting is recommended.*

• **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

*The participant should send two attachments in mail the Essay in MS Word format with subject “NCUESSAY2017.” The attachment should contain in series the following:*

1. *Title of the Essay with name of the author/authors*
2. *Cover page containing Designation (Student/Scholar), Name of college/university with address, Nationality, Correspondence address, e-mail-id and contact number.*
3. *Abstract and Body of Essay*
4. *Bibliography*

• **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

1. *Framework of Essay*
2. *Understanding of Legal Issues*
3. *Quality of Analysis*
4. *Quality of Research*
5. *Suggestions & Recommendations*
6. *Uniformity in Footnoting style*
7. *Bibliography*

• **PRIZES**

- ❖ *First Prize- Rs 10,000*

- ❖ *Second Prize-Rs 7,500*
- ❖ *Third Prize-5,000*
- ❖ *Certificate of merit will also be issued to the winners. Certificate of participation will be given to every participant of the Essay writing Competition.*
- ❖ **Important Dates:**

<i>Last date for the payment of Registration Fees</i>	<i>20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017</i>
<i>Last Date of Submission on Essay</i>	<i>25<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017</i>
<i>Declaration of Result</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017</i>

**CONTACT:** *Send your hardcopy of the Registration form and Demand Draft to-*

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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Department and University:

Designation (Student/Research Scholar):

Gender (Male/Female):

Mobile No:

E-mail Id:

Signature of the candidate:

Signature of the HOD:

