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THE DASTUR ESSAY COMPETITION 2018

For Students of Law & Accountancy



About The Dastur Essay Competition

This year is the 91st year of The Chamber and it takes immense pleasure in inviting applications for its Seventh Essay Competition. The Chamber has been organising The Dastur Essay Competition since 2012 for Law Students and Article Trainees pursuing CA, CS and ICWA Course.

We, at The Chamber believe that young students are the future leaders of our nation. They have the strength to bring ideas to life. Writing is an important tool for bringing ideas from mind to action & also painting inner voice. "We write to create ourselves".

Hence, we request you to take this excellent opportunity to get your creative ideas flowing and allow the writer within you to shine.

Objectives

The objective of the competition is to cultivate good reading and writing communication skills coupled with encouraging "creativity", a quality which every human being possesses, possibly hidden and may be unknown to the individual himself. By engaging students in an essay writing contest, we seek to raise their inquisitiveness, enhance their research skills and fuel their creativity, to build these requisite qualities in future professionals. Since, creativity is a *sine qua non* for professionals.

This competition will encourage students to express their views / opinions in a creative manner.

CTC Members are requested to encourage their Article Trainees and Law Students to participate in this competition.

Topics

The topics for The Dastur Essay Competition, 2018 are:

- (1) GST – Boon or Bane
- (2) What Swachh Bharat signifies for me and way forward
- (3) Is intolerance growing nationally & internationally?

**SUBMISSION
DEADLINE**
09-03-2018

A certificate of appreciation will be awarded to all the participants. The top 3 essays will be published along with a photograph of the participant in The Chamber's Journal and top 10 essays will be uploaded on the website www.ctconline.org of The Chamber.

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE**
20-02-2018

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Mr. Sanjeev Lalan

Organised by **STUDENT COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Ajay R. Singh, Advocate

Vice Chairperson
Ms. Niyati Mankad

Convenors
Mr. Ryan Fernandes • Mr. Sachin Maher

Advisor
Mr. Parimal Parikh

GUIDELINES AND RULES FOR ESSAY COMPETITION

1. PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

- 1.1 Only one Essay per participant may be submitted. Multiple or incomplete submissions will lead to disqualification.
- 1.2 The Essay must be written in English.
- 1.3 Only original Essays will be considered for the competition. No part of it should have been published earlier nor should it be under consideration of publication or a contest elsewhere. Any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the Essay. The participants will submit a separate undertaking with regard to originality of work.
- 1.4 Identification mark must not be found in any part of the Essay.
- 1.5 Participation is restricted to students enrolled in the 3-year LL.B course or the 5-year integrated law course or CA Article or CS/ICWA trainees only.
- 1.6 Participants may register (no registration fee) by sending a mail to ctessay@gmail.com on or before 20th February, 2018, mentioning:



(a) Title of ESSAY

(b) Name of Participant (in capital letters)

(c) Male/Female

(d) DOB

(e) Course

(f) Name of University/College/Institution/Employer/ Firm Name

(g) Registration No. of CA/CS/ICWAI (Article Trainee)

(h) Address for Correspondence

(i) Contact Number

(j) E-mail



2. PRESENTATION AND SUBMISSION

- 2.1 The essay must comprise not less than 5,000 words and not more 7,000 words including footnotes.
- 2.2 The essay should be submitted on A4 size paper; font size of the body of the text must be 12, font type: Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing and inch margins on each side.
- 2.3 There should be appropriate footnotes indicating the correct source of information. The footnotes may be typed in font size 9, font type: Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing.
- 2.4 A bibliography, mentioning all the articles, books, references, websites etc., referred to should be made at the end.
- 2.5 Two hard copies of each entry in the format mentioned in paras 2.2 to 2.4 must be posted/couriered or delivered to:

The Chamber of Tax Consultants, **3 Rewa Chambers, Ground Floor, 31, New Marine Lines, Mumbai-400 020**. The participants may send their entries in the format mentioned in paras 2.2 to 2.4 by e-mail in PDF File document forwarded to **ctcessay@gmail.com**. Essays sent by e-mail will be rejected if there are no proper attachments.
- 2.6 Copyright of all participants are respected, but neither the CTC, nor the organisers will be responsible for any infringement of the same.
- 2.7 Essays may be sent to the above-mentioned address by courier or hand delivered only.
- 2.8 Entries shall be enclosed with a covering letter mentioning the name of the college, class of the student along with self-certified photocopy of college ID. For CA/Article/CS or ICWA Student seal of the Principal (organisation where student is Article Trainee) along with Registration No. Participants must also submit a short bio-data duly signed (mentioning their contact number, e-mail and postal address). Entries sent by e-mail shall contain all the above attachments.
- 2.9 Essays must reach the above-mentioned address on or before 9th March, 2018.
- 2.10 The Chamber of Tax Consultants assumes no responsibility for lost, delayed or incomplete entries or technical malfunction of server, traffic congestion on net or a combination thereof.



3. MARKING CRITERIA

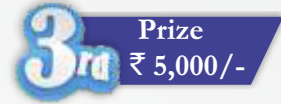
- 3.1 Each Essay will be marked on a total of 50 marks.
- 3.2 The judging may be done on the basis of Structuring, Originality, Content, Language, Grammar & Style employed etc.
- 3.3. Essays will be reviewed by a distinguished panel of impartial judges and academicians.
- 3.4 The decisions of the judges shall be final in all respects. The Chamber is not liable to give any clarification to any of the participants regarding the marks allotted to his/her essay.
- 3.5 The best 10 Essay writers will be felicitated at The Chamber's AGM.



4. AWARDS

4.1 A Certificate of merit, mementos and a prize shall be awarded to each of the 3 best Essays.

4.2 The prizes awarded shall be as follows:



4.3 Consolation Prizes shall be awarded to next best 7 Essays.

4.4 Certificate of participation will be issued to each of the participants.

4.5 The best 3 Essays will be published along with a photograph of the participants in The Chamber's Journal and the best 10 Essays will be uploaded on the website of The Chamber.

4.6 All winners shall be duly intimated by e-mail or telephone and called upon to be felicitated at the time of AGM to be held on 4-7-2018.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 The administration of the contest including determining the eligibility of participant or Essays, standard of Essay, evaluation of Essays and awarding of the prizes is within the sole and absolute discretion of organisers.

5.2 The Chamber reserves the right of publication of prize winning Essays.

5.3 If there arises any situation that is not contemplated in the Rules, the organisers decision on the same shall be final.

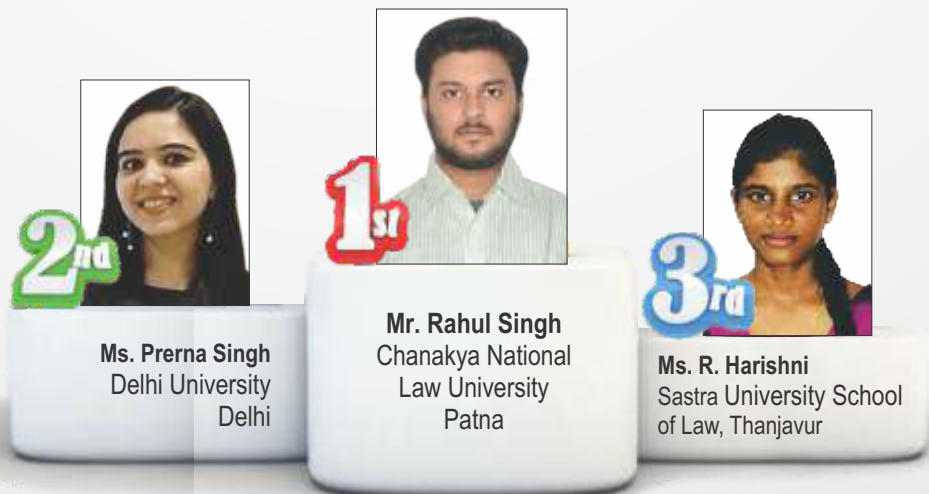
5.4 The organisers reserve the right to vary, alter, modify or repeal any of the above rules if so required and as they deem appropriate.

5.5 The author should not send the papers for publication to any magazine, paper etc., without the prior written consent of the organisers.

5.6 The participants will be responsible for any claim against the CTC in respect of Essays submitted.



6. LAST YEAR'S WINNERS



Ms. Prerna Singh
Delhi University
Delhi

Mr. Rahul Singh
Chanakya National
Law University
Patna

Ms. R. Harishni
Sastra University School
of Law, Thanjavur



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