

**NUJS SACJ ESSAY COMPETITION**

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The Society for Advancement of Criminal Justice at National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata is organizing its annual essay competition with the objective of fostering academic discourse on contemporary and emerging issues in the field of criminal law.

**About SACJ**

The Society for Advancement of Criminal Justice is a student run academic society that is affiliated with the School of Criminal Justice at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, which is one of premier institutes for legal education in this country.

The principles governing the interplay of criminal laws with the society and its conception of morality form the core of the Society. Considering the perennial importance of law and crime in any civilised society and given the increasing awareness regarding individual and collective human rights, the field of criminal justice has attained greater social significance than ever before. The role of criminal justice interventions in producing safe and just societies cannot be overemphasised upon, and the Society aims at fulfilling its greater responsibility towards the society. It allows future lawyers and lawmakers an opportunity to develop a deeper and more holistic understanding of the criminal justice system and the problems that plague it, so as to allow remedial measures to be taken and mitigation mechanisms to be developed. In doing so, the Society follows an interdisciplinary approach that extends to sociological and jurisprudential aspects of criminal justice, as well as to the non-criminal branches of law. In addition to the socio-legal edge of the Society, it is the contemporaneous relevance of its functioning that serves to raise the interest quotient of this Society, making it one of the most active academic societies in the University.

**About VAS Global**

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**Theme: Curbing Consumption of Harmful Substances through Legal Mechanisms**

- 1) Flying India?- Effectiveness of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.
- 2) Liability of Family Members in Enforcement of The Bihar Excise (Amendment) Act, 2016- legally justified?
- 3) Aspects of Sale of Tobacco to Minors under Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

**Rules:**

1. The competition is open for LLB and LLM students of all law colleges/departments of law of all universities.
2. **Only original and analytical essays (which do not involve mere paraphrased collection of existing legal provisions and cases etc)** that have not been published or have not been accepted for publication should be mailed to [sacj@nujs.edu](mailto:sacj@nujs.edu). Plagiarism of any kind shall result in disqualification.
3. No identification marks must be found in any part of the essay.
4. Co-authorship to a maximum of two authors is permitted.
5. The essay must be type-written in font size 12 in Garamond with 1.5 line spacing and justified in MS Word format.
6. The essay must comprise not less than 3000 words and not more than 5000 words excluding footnotes.
7. Footnoting must uniformly conform to citation style SILC (<http://www.silcmanual.org/>). Speaking footnotes must be avoided.

In order to seek clarification regarding the format/submission guidelines of the essay, kindly visit [the SACJ Submission Guidelines Content Column](#).

**Submission:**

Soft copy of the essay should be mailed to [sacj@nujs.edu](mailto:sacj@nujs.edu) with the subject "Submission for NUJS-SACJ Essay Competition 2017".

The last date for submission is **February 26, 2017 (11.59 am)**.

**Prizes**

Winners shall be awarded the following prize money:

- i. First Prize: Rs. 5,000/-
- ii. Second Prize: Rs. 3,000/-
- iii. Third Prize: Rs. 1,000/-

Top twenty submissions shall be given merit certificates. Further, a few entries may also be published in the SACJ Criminal Law Review.

Certificates of participation shall be issued to all recognized entries.

**Contact:**

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