

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR
ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (GCESD)**



**1ST GNLU ESSAY COMPETITION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 2017**

IN COLLABORATION WITH



INFORMATION BROCHURE

1. About the University

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar, established under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003 and recognized by the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission, endeavours to impart quality legal education to produce responsible lawyers who are professionally competent, socially responsible and receptive to the needs of a changing nation. GNLU is the only National Law University, which offers integrated law degrees in five streams: B.A., LL.B., B.Com., LL.B., B.B.A., LL.B., B.Sc., LL.B., B.S.W., LL.B., in addition to LL.M., MBA, PhD and diploma programmes in law and interdisciplinary fields. The University has created a unique learning environment, emphasizing on the significance of research and training. GNLU constantly strives to establish an all-round and interdisciplinary academic culture. In order to achieve the same, the university has established a number of Centres of Excellence, which work in niche areas for specialized knowledge and professional distinction.

2. About GNLU Centre for Environment & Sustainable Development (GCESD)

Under the aegis of GNLU's Objective and Mission of being a World class Research based Teaching University, GNLU Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development (GCESD) has been established with specific thrust on Environmental Law-both national and international. The Centre is a dedicated research and analysis wing of the Gujarat National Law University. We, at the Centre delve into many pioneering endeavours in the field of research both doctrinal and empirical so as to make path breaking contribution to mitigate the ill effects of ill-planned developmental activities staring at our face like a Frankenstein monster. At the outset we should address the environmental crisis as a pandemic rather than a sporadic concern. The rapidly depleting environment is not just peculiar to any localized area and is not encapsulated within a territorial boundary, rather it's a global concern. The solution to the environmental crisis should stand the test of time. Although the Centre is in a nascent stage, it has the visionary zeal as well as research acumen to carve out a niche for itself as a specialized agency for environmental research and advocacy. The Centre encourages studies, research and training programmes aiming to provide information, knowledge and infrastructure in the specific areas covered under environmental issues and provides a forum of professionals representing the different stakeholders including government, public private partnership, foreign investment, market, intermediaries, research and patenting etc.

3. About the 1st GNLU Essay Competition on Environmental Law, 2017

Rising sea levels, dwindling of natural resources, and the growing number of species being added to IUCN's Red List has made environmental protection the defining challenge of our generation. In light of this, the University established the GNLU Centre for Environment and Sustainable

Development (GCESD) as a forum to carry on research on the issues that plague the environment and simultaneously inculcate an awareness in the minds of people towards sustainable living. With this objective, the Centre has decided to organise the **1st GNLU Essay Competition on Environmental Law** scheduled for November 2017. In the past year we have witnessed a series of monumental judgements and amendments in the domestic and international framework for environmental laws. These changes are slated to effect a metamorphosis in the age long debate of 'Economic Development versus. Environmental Protection' and thus requires a thorough understanding of their newfound role in the society. Recognising the need to initiate a dialogue on these modifications, we hereby invite law students to express their views on these critical issues:

4. Topics

- 4.1. *Ban on fire crackers: judicial intervention or intrusion?*
- 4.2. *The river as being: rights without duties?*
- 4.3. *Tackling trash: Where have we 'bin' wrong?*
- 4.4. *Resuscitating a failed idea: Interlinking of rivers?*
- 4.5. *Switch to non-polluting alternative fuels or get bulldozed: E-vehicles or e-mobility?*
- 4.6. *Compensatory Afforestation: Subverting Forest Rights Act?*
- 4.7. *Proposed amendments to Environment Protection Act: Whitelisting illicit projects?*

5. Important Dates

- 5.1. The essays must be submitted on or before Friday, 15 December 2017.
- 5.2. Declaration of Results: 30 January 2018. The winners shall be notified by email and results shall be published on the website of GNLU.

6. Eligibility

- 6.1. The competition is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in any discipline in a recognized University/ College/ Institute in India.
- 6.2. Only one submission per author shall be entertained.
- 6.3. Co-authorship by a maximum of 2 students is permitted.
- 6.4. **There is no registration fee for essay competition.**

7. Prizes

- 7.1. 1st Prize: ₹25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand only) with Internship opportunity at Trilegal.
- 7.2. 2nd Prize: ₹15,000 (Fifteen Thousand only) with Internship opportunity at Trilegal.
- 7.3. 3rd Prize: ₹5,000 (Five Thousand only) with Internship opportunity at Trilegal.
- 7.4. Top five submissions shall be given merit certificates.

*Internship shall be provided to both the authors in case of co-authorship.

8. Guidelines For Submission

- 8.1. The essays must be submitted in English only.
- 8.2. The essays should be the original work of the authors. Any kind of plagiarism will lead to disqualification.
- 8.3. The essays published elsewhere or selected/submitted for publication elsewhere shall be disqualified.
- 8.4. Abstract should not be more than 300 words.
- 8.5. The name(s) of the author(s) should not be mentioned anywhere in the essay.
- 8.6. The word limit for the essay is 3000 - 4000 words, not including footnotes.
- 8.7. The essays should be typed in: Times New Roman, Font Size 12 and Line Spacing 1.5.
- 8.8. Every citation must follow the Harvard Bluebook, 20th Edition. The footnotes must be typed in: Times New Roman, Font Size 10 and Line Spacing 1.
- 8.9. The margins should be 1” or 2.54 cm on all sides.
- 8.10. All text should be justified.

9. Submission Procedure

- 9.1. The essays must be sent by email to gcesd@gnlu.ac.in with the subject ‘1st GNLU Essay Competition on Environmental Law, 2017’.
- 9.2. The body of the e-mail must specify the name(s) of the author(s).
- 9.3. The essay may be attached in ‘.doc’ or ‘.docx’ format.
- 9.4. The participants are required to send the following details in a separate word document attached to the e-mail:
 - 9.4.1. Sub-Theme Chosen:
 - 9.4.2. Title of the Essay:
 - 9.4.3. Name(s) of the Author(s):
 - 9.4.4. College/ Institute/ University of Author(s):
 - 9.4.5. Programme Enrolled & Year of Study of Author(s):
 - 9.4.6. E-mail address & Contact No. of Author(s):

10. Important Note

- 10.1. All original essays submitted for this competition shall become the sole property of Gujarat National Law University (“GNLU”). GNLU shall have the right to publish the entries in the form of a journal or a book.
- 10.2. A Panel of Evaluators (“Panel”) shall be constituted to select the winning entries. The decision of the Jury shall be final and binding.
- 10.3. All matters related to the internships shall be subject to the convenience of the concerned organization.
- 10.4. GNLU Centre for Environment & Sustainable Development (“GCESD”) possesses the right to reject entries which do not conform to the Guidelines for Submission.

- 10.5. GCESD reserves the absolute rights to cancel, defer, or postpone indefinitely, the competition in the event of the accruing of any incident, natural or man-made.
- 10.6. In case of any dispute, the decision of GCESD shall be final and binding.

11. Criteria Of Evaluation

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1.	Thoroughness/quality of research	50
2.	Creativity/ originality	40
3.	Logical representation	40
4.	Articulation of ideas	30
5.	Grammar	20
6.	Footnoting	20

12. Advisory Committee

- 12.1. Prof. (Dr.) Shobhalata V. Udupudi, Centre Director
- 12.2. Dr. Jagadeesh Chandra T.G.
- 12.3. Dr. Bindu Vijay Nair
- 12.4. Mrs. Asha Verma

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