

## NATIONAL RESEARCH PAPER WRITING COMPETITION

### **Theme for the Research Paper:**

### **“Law, Privacy and Governance”**

Privacy has become a contentious issue in recent times. “Privacy” is not merely the ability to close the proverbial door to the outside world and mask information about ourselves. Our perceptions of privacy need to adapt to the changing reality of the times. The ‘Internationalisation’ and ‘Universalisation’ of information worldwide certainly has long-term effects on our lives and laws. The rising power of search engines like Google, innovative software, social networking sites, monitoring devices are constructing or rather reconstructing our lives. The widespread data protection invasion across the globe has also greatly contributed to a common recognition of the importance of privacy. International Law recognizes privacy as a fundamental Human Right under UDHR and ICCPR. Privacy underpins human dignity and other key values such as freedom of association and freedom of speech. The issue assumes all the more importance in light of Indian Supreme Court’s momentous judgment in K S Puttaswamy case. All these issues call for critical reflection and comment. We therefore call upon all the budding legal minds to submit original, genuine and unpublished contributions on the following domains.

**Sub-themes for the submission of the research paper may include, but are not limited to:**

- Technology and privacy: Social networking sites and privacy, data protection, Internet of things.
- Constitutional law and Privacy: Right to Privacy, Unique Identification Number and Privacy.
- E-Business and Privacy: Consumer Rights, Security vulnerabilities in online business.
- Case for Data Protection and Privacy Laws.
- Criminal Law and Privacy: Search, Seizure, DNA profiling, Cyber crimes.
- Evolving balance of Transparency and Privacy in Governance.

## **RULES and SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

- ⊙ The research paper must be written in English.
- ⊙ Co-authorship up-to two authors is permitted.
- ⊙ Only one entry is allowed per-author.
- ⊙ Only original research papers will be considered for the competition. No part of it should have been published earlier nor should it be under consideration for publication else-where.
- ⊙ Any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the research paper.
- ⊙ The research paper must not be more than 3000 words (including footnotes).
- ⊙ The first page of the research paper must contain the details of the author/s, title of the paper and the name of the college/institution.
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  - ✓ **Word limit** – maximum 3000 words (including foot notes).
  - ✓ **Font** – Times New Roman
  - ✓ **Font size-** 12 for text, 10 for footnotes
  - ✓ **Page numbers** – bottom centre
  - ✓ **Line spacing-** 1.5 and for footnotes 1.0 and justified.
  - ✓ **Footnotes-** Bluebook 19<sup>th</sup> Ed.

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