

## **MEWAR UNIVERSITY & J&K STUDY CENTRE ESSAY COMPETITION**

This All India Essay Competition is an effort to encourage new thinking among students and enhance their knowledge of legal understanding of the important issue of Jammu & Kashmir. The competition is intended to generate a spirit of debate and discussion among the students in the country as well as to award novelty of thinking on issues related to the affairs of Jammu & Kashmir. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the following terms and conditions.

### **1. Topics of the Essay Competition:**

- a. Genesis and Nature of Article 370 of the Constitution of India.
- b. Process of Constitutional Integration of Jammu & Kashmir.
- c. Implications of Article 370 of the Constitution of India.
- d. J&K and United Nations.

### **2. Eligibility:**

- a. The contestant must be a full-time law student of any degree college / law school in India.
- b. Only one entry is allowed per student under each topic i.e. a student can submit one essay on each of the given topics.
- c. No joint entries are allowed, i.e. two or more students together cannot author an essay.

### **3. Format for submission of essay:**

- a. The medium of essay should be in either ENGLISH or HINDI.
- b. The essay in English must be typewritten in Times New Roman, font size 12 and double spaced on A4 sized plain paper with numbered pages.
- c. The essay in Hindi must be typewritten in Mangal (Devnagari), font size 12 and double spaced on A4 sized plain paper with numbered pages.

- d. The essay must contain proper footnotes referring to the source of information. The footnotes must be in font Times New Roman / Mangal (according to the language used), font size 10 and single spaced.
- e. The extent of essay should be maximum 5000 words, excluding the footnotes.
- f. The essay must be accompanied with an abstract containing the title and a brief synopsis of the essay along with the word count of the essay on a single page.
- g. The essay must have a cover page containing the name of the participant, address, e-mail id, contact number and name of the college/university with address.**
- h. The name and identity of the contestant is not to be mentioned anywhere within the text of the essay.
- i. You can visit Jammu Kashmir Study Center's website i.e. [www.jammukashmirnow.com](http://www.jammukashmirnow.com) for references while writing the essay. Related matter is available there.

**4. Deadline for submission of essay:**

- a. All essays should reach the organizers by 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- b. Essays received after this date will not be considered.
- c. Entries have to be sent to the following address:  
  
**C/o Essay Competition, Mewar University, Camp Office - 4C, Vasundhara, Link Road, Gaziabad – 201012 (U.P.)**
- d. Entries can also be e-mailed to [essaycompetition2013@gmail.com](mailto:essaycompetition2013@gmail.com), with subject line mentioning ESSAY and the entry as an attachment in WORD format.

**5. Evaluation of the essay:**

- a. There are 4 different topics. Essays will be evaluated for each topic.

- b. Essays will be judged on the basis of their content, clarity and originality. The quality of analysis, the comprehensiveness of research will be considered while evaluating the essays. Other aspects of quality such as coherence, style, organization, spelling and grammatical perfection will be taken into account during evaluation.
- c. The entries will be judged by a committee of leading legal academicians, jurists, and law practitioners from across the country. The committee is free to determine its own method and system of analysing and judging the essays; it will have absolute discretion in selecting the essays. The decision of the committee will be final.
- d. 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. Any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the essay.

6. **Prizes:**

- a. There are 4 different topics. First prize of Rs. 11,000/- (Rupees Eleven thousand only) will be awarded for each topic along with the certificate.
- b. 25 most well-researched essays will get a prize of Rs. 2,100/- (Rupees Two thousand and one hundred only) each across all topics put together. These entries may not be of winners.
- c. Certificates of Participation will be awarded to all participating students.
- d. The winners will be informed through the college authorities. The winners will be awarded the prizes during a National Level Seminar to be held in 2013 for which the exact date and location will be announced later.
- e. The winning entries and few other selected essays shall be published in the Seminar Booklet to be published for the National Level Seminar to be held in 2013. The Seminar Booklet will also contain the list of all the participants.

7. **Miscellaneous provisions:**

- a. The administration of the contest, including determining the eligibility of a participant or essay, standard of essay, evaluation of essays and awarding of the prizes, is within the sole and absolute discretion of the organizers, and no communication in this regard shall be entertained.
- b. The organizers assume no responsibility for lost, delayed or incomplete entries or technical malfunction of server, traffic congestion on net or a combination thereof.
- c. The organizers reserve the right to publish selected essays without payment of any royalty to the contestant.