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The Editorial Board of RFMLR also operates the RFMLR Blog at www.rfmlr.com. RFMLR is indexed on SCC Online and has been ranked as the 9th most accessed Law School Law Review by the SCC Blog. Further, the Editorial Board recently organised the ‘Colloquium on GST Law in collaboration with Lakshmikumar & Sridharan Attorneys which received an overwhelming response from law students and academicians across the country.

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ABOUT THE ONLINE ESSAY COMPETITION

The Competition aims to initiate a discourse on the legal and economic scrutiny of the issues, implementation and impact assessment of the policy decisions adopted by the Government of India to tackle the outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus Disease). Furthermore, it attempts to find possible solutions and diagnosis of the situation through the discourse.

The Competition will be conducted online. E-Certificates will be awarded to the Top Three entries. Online internship opportunities with Scriboard and Metacept.com will be provided to selected participants. In addition, selected entries will be published in an e-Edition of RFMLR – ISSN (O): 2347-3827 on www.rfmlr.com.

THEME

CORONA CRISIS AND ECONOMIC LOCKDOWN: DIAGNOSIS AND CURE OF LEGAL-ECONOMIC ISSUES

The following **illustrative** sub-themes have been identified as requiring academic consideration in this context.

- Telemedicine Guidelines and Consumer Protection Act, 2019
- Economy of Work from Home and Legal Issues
- Challenges for e-Commerce in the times of COVID 19
- COVID 19 and Impact on International Trade
- Global Economic Recession: The Way Forward?
- Monetary Stimulus of the RBI: Too little too late?
- Fiscal Measures of the Union Government: Efficacy and Challenges
- Impact of Pandemic on Unorganised Sector: Short term Remedies and Long term Approach
- CSR and COVID 19: An Antidote to Non-compliance?
- Sabka Vishwas Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme: Efficacy of June 30 Deadline amidst Liquidity Crunch

ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open for all students enrolled in any discipline in a recognized University/ College/Institute within India or outside.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

- Co-authorship is limited to a maximum of two authors.
- Multiple entries by the same author will not be permitted.
- The essays must be written in English language only.
- Word Limit: 2500 - 3000 words (inclusive of footnotes)
- The essays must be the original work of the author(s) and must not have been published/pending for publication/submitted for publication elsewhere.
- The name(s) of the author(s) must not be mentioned anywhere in the body of the essay.
- The main text must be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12 and line spacing 1.5.
- Footnotes must be typed in Times New Roman, font size 10 and single line spacing.
- Page margins must be 1 inch on all sides.
- Citation format: *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (20th Ed.)
- The submissions must be made in '.doc' or '.docx' format only.
- The submissions must be accompanied by a "Statement of Originality and Copyright" duly signed by the author(s), mentioning that the manuscript is an original and a *bona fide* work of the author(s) and the author(s) undertake to divest the copyright of the work to RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Review, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.
- The submissions must also be accompanied by a scanned copy of the authorised University/College ID Cards of the author(s).

REGISTRATION FORM

Authors participating in the Essay Writing Competition must fill the registration form before the Last Date of Registration at the following URL-

<https://forms.gle/ju1jsB4m9pt6vfx6>

SUBMISSION FORM

All submissions must be made through the attached Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/ibjVzaTuqDRvChLQ6>

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Date of Registration: April 25, 2020
- Last Date of Submission: May 5, 2020
- Declaration of Results: May 15, 2020

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- No registration fee is to be paid.
- The Winners shall be announced after a comprehensive review of the submissions by the Editorial Board of RFMLR. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding.
- RFMLR possesses the right to reject entries which do not conform to the Guidelines for Submission.
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