

# ESSAY COMPETITION & CFP

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**REGISTER BY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2020**

## **ABOUT THE ORGANISERS:**

The Law and Society Committee (LawSoc) is an Activity-Based Committee under the Constitution of the Student Bar Association, NLSIU. The Committee's area of interest is conducting and facilitating research and activities relating to the convergence of legal and social fields. Our goals, in many ways, are fundamental to the pursuit of the interdisciplinary B.A.,L.L.B. degree at NLSIU, combining studies in law with a bachelor of arts. Pursuant to this mandate, the Committee conducts and maintains reading groups, film screenings, talks, workshops, seminars and conferences as a means of academic engagement with such issues.

The Centre for the Women and the Law (CWL) was set up at the very inception of the National Law School in 1988. The CWL endeavors to look at law and the legal process from the perspective of gender justice and administer programs directed towards equal justice for women in Indian Society. In association with social activists and women's organizations, CWL undertakes various training programs focusing on legal literacy for women, social auditing of welfare legislations affecting women, legal aid and assistance. Being a research and service unit of the NLSIU, CWL acts as a Coordination Centre and research support agency for women's organizations in general and official bodies concerned with implementation of law affecting women.

## **ABOUT THE COMPETITION:**

Amidst the growing menace of domestic violence due to the Pandemic and the lockdown, the organizers that is LawSoc and CWL Are inviting submissions on the subject of '**Domestic Violence - The Shadow Pandemic**' in English, Hindi or Kannada.

In the past few days, the numbers of domestic violence complaints received by the NCW, have significantly increased. This is inextricably linked to the COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent lockdown that was imposed to constrain the virus. The organizers had organized a

panel discussion on this issue recently. The transcript of the event can be accessed [here](#). A report on the event can be accessed [here](#) for a brief account.

In the light of this, this essay competition provides an opportunity for the authors to critically think about the issues of patriarchy, domestic violence and the state response to the same.

The best submissions would also be considered for the publication in the annual journal which is published by the CWL.

### **ABOUT THE PUBLICATION:**

An annual publication, *The Gender Human Rights and Law*, is brought out by the CWL to provide information on the development of law through judicial decisions and statutes for those agencies working on women's issues and for the empowerment of women.

In the light of the increasing incidents of domestic violence during the covid-19 outbreak, the CWL will publish special publication dedicated to this issue. The best submissions received for the competition would find a place in this special publication.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

The competition is being organized for all students pursuing recognized undergraduate and post-graduate degrees in law, public policy and social sciences. We also welcome submissions for the publication from researchers, practitioners and faculty.

### **THEMES:**

The broad theme for the competition is 'Domestic Violence – the Shadow Pandemic'. We are looking for contextually relevant, multidisciplinary and clear expositions and critical analysis of the contemporary challenges under following sub-themes-

- Analyzing the utility of Domestic Violence Act in light of contemporary pandemic.
- Review of cases impacting the current framework of laws against Domestic Violence.
- Socio-legal mechanisms to combat the newly emerged challenges of domestic violence.
- Understanding the impact of gender and differences in challenges faced by various groups in pandemic.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- The interested participants can register themselves for the competition latest by 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 by filling [this form](#).

- The deadline for submitting the essay is 6 PM on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- The results shall be declared within 10 days of the receipt of all the submissions.

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

1. The submission can be made in English, Hindi or Kannada.
2. The essay should be an original piece of writing with a specific emphasis on well-informed recommendations about resolving this horrendous crisis. Descriptive analysis of the issue of domestic violence from a strictly legal sense should be avoided.
3. Only one essay per author shall be submitted. Multiple or incomplete or plagiarized submissions shall be summarily rejected.
4. Co-authorship to a maximum of two authors is allowed.
5. The word count should range from 1500 to 2000.
6. The author(s) should adhere to the following format:
  - 6.1. Font: Times Now Roman
  - 6.2. Font size: 12 pt.
  - 6.3. Line spacing: 1.5
  - 6.4. Citation: any uniform style of citation
7. All submissions should be made in word document via an email to [lawsoc@nls.ac.in](mailto:lawsoc@nls.ac.in) with the subject '**Submission: GHRL Essay**'.
8. The author(s) are requested to mention a short bio within the body of the email.
9. The author(s) should not mention their institutional affiliation/name in the document itself.

**PRIZES:**

- ❖ First prize: Rs. 3,500
- ❖ Second prize: Rs. 2,500
- ❖ Third prize: Rs. 1,500
- ❖ The best submissions will be published in *The Gender Human Rights and Law*.

**CONTACT DETAILS:**

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