## About National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA) was established by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam Act, 2009 (Act No. XXV of 2009) as the fourteenth National Law University of the Country and is located in Guwahati, the capital city of Assam. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court is the Chancellor of the University. NLUJAA promotes and makes available modern legal education and research facilities to its students, scholars and faculty drawn from across the country, including the North-East, hailing from different socio-economic, ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds. The objectives of NLUJAA as mentioned in the Act are to impart comprehensive legal education and training at all levels to achieve excellence in legal education to promote research in all branches of law; to disseminate legal knowledge by organizing lectures, seminars, symposia, workshops and conferences on contemporary issues of law to promote legal awareness in the communities to achieve social and economic justice and to promote cultural, legal and ethical values with a view to promote and foster the rule of law and the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India.

## About Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell

As a part of University Social Responsibility Scheme and to fulfill the Bar Council of India mandate of having a legal aid cell, the Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell (CCLELAC) of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam was established in September, 2013 with an objective to promote legal awareness in the society and to help people of this region in achieving social, economic and political justice. Since then the Centre has been organizing various activities to create legal awareness and to help needy and indigent people in getting access to justice. The Centre, in furtherance of its objective, has organized several legal awareness camps at different places in the State including the Guwahati Central Jail located at Lokhora in the year 2016.

## About the Essay Competition

As a part of its research and awareness activities, the Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell (CCLELAC), takes immense pleasure to present to you the 2nd NLUJAA National Legal Essay Competition, 2019.

The essay writing competition is intended to provide students with an opportunity to study analyse and understand the role played by various legal aid mechanisms to make justice accessible for public. The primary objective of this essay competition is to increase awareness and promote the idea of free legal aid as has been envisaged under Article 39-A of the Constitution of India, 1950.

With an aim to encourage the energetic students of the country enable them with a platform to come up with new ideas and suggestions in this Endeavour**. The broader theme is “Religious laws and Religious Crimes in Developing Countries”**. **The organizing committee has opted against restricting the scope of topic by providing any sub theme; therefore, the authors are requested to write on any theme within the specific topic.**

**Objective of the Competition**

Freedom of religion is a fundamental right provided to all not only by Part III of our Constitution but also by International Statutes. Although lacking a coherent definition, Religion is often described as that force which binds us to the Supreme power and regulates the day-to-day well-being of individuals. Religion constituted the earliest forms of laws and social control in the primitive societies, and many laws still trace their origin to religious sources. The Indian constitution and many other laws give protection to the religious belief and it provides punishment for people who misuse those laws. However, in the contemporary society, the purity of the idea of Religion has got contaminated making it a source of many controversies. Certain religious crimes are taken very easily and even get social sanction due to religious prejudices. Violence in the name of religion is becoming a common man’s affair. Suppressing minorities and fostering communalism in the name of politics in the world is also increasing. In the 21st-century technology development is amusing us, while on the other hand, we are doing cyber-crimes in the name of religion is also fast ascending. The objective of this National Legal Essay competition is to analyses the religious laws and trace how their propagation prompts us to commit and accepts the crimes in the name of the religion. The scope of the topic extends to examination of the roles of religious fanatics and preachers in manipulating and brainwashing the innocent public in the name of religion to commit the crime.

### Eligibility

1. It is open only for under graduate, post graduate law students and research scholar
2. Only one submission per author shall be entertained.
3. Co-authorship by a maximum of two authors is permitted.

### Prizes

1st Prize: Rs. 10,000/- Cash + Certificate

2nd Prize: Rs. 7,000/- Cash + Certificate

3rd Prize: Rs. 5,000/- + Cash + Certificate

Consolation: All other participants will get Certificate of Participation

## Important Dates:

1. Last Date of Submission of Essay: November 15, 2019 (11:59 p.m.)
2. Date of Declaration of the Result: December 27, 2019 (The winners will be informed by email and the result will be notified on the official website of the university.)

**Submission Guidelines**

1. The essays must be submitted in English only.
2. The essays should be the original work of the authors. Plagiarism beyond 30% will lead to disqualification.
3. The name(s) or affiliation(s) of the author(s) should not be mentioned anywhere in the essay.
4. The word limit for the essay is 3000 – 3500 words excluding footnotes.
5. The essays should be typed in: Times New Roman, Font Size 12 and Line Spacing 1.5.
6. The footnotes must be typed in: Times New Roman, Font Size 10 and Line Spacing 1.
7. The margins should be 1” or 2.54 cm on all sides.
8. All text should be justified.
9. The citation should be OSCOLA (4th ed.)
10. The essays must be sent by e-mail to nlualac@nluassam.ac.in with the subject “'Submission: 2nd NLEC 2019'
11. The body of the e-mail must specify the name(s) of the author(s).
12. The essay may be attached in ‘.doc’ or ‘.docx’ format.

**Important Note**

1. There is no requirement of registration formalities to participate in the competition. No registration fee.
2. **Participants are requested to e-mail a scanned copy of the Registration form (provided along with this Brochure) along with the essay in the time of submission. (Essays without a registration form will be summarily rejected.)**
3. The essays published elsewhere or selected/submitted for publication elsewhere shall be disqualified.
4. Essays submitted for this competition shall become the sole property of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. NLUJAA shall have the right to publish the entries in the form of a journal or a book.
5. A panel of evaluators shall be constituted to select the winning entries. The decision of the Panel shall be final and binding.
6. The organizers reserve the right to cancel/disqualify any of the entry if found in violation of the guidelines for Submission.

 **Contact Us:**

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## ANNEXURE-I

## REGISTRATION FORM

### Please provide the following information:

* 1. Name of the Institution: …………………………………………………………………
	2. Address of the Institution:……………………………………………………………….
	3. Name of the Contact Person:…………………………………………………………….
	4. Contact Number:…………………………………………………………………………
	5. Name of participants:

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Head of the Institution/ Head of the Department

Signature and seal

Please return a scanned copy of this Registration Form along with an Authorizing Certificate from the Head of the Institution to this mail: **nlualac@nluassam.ac.in**