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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

Libertatem Magazine is a Legal Awareness e-Magazine published monthly focusing on Legal News and Courtroom Updates. It is an online-platform with a diverse readership of over a million readers ranging from Students, Academics, Legal Professionals to Legal Enthusiast and many more. With our Monthly Digital Magazine and Daily Updates on current and pressing legal issues, our aim is to help the legal community expand its outreach and more importantly express their views on the same uncensored. Since February 2015, we have been working tirelessly on our mission to engage and aware our citizens of the legal angle in our news stories and courtroom updates which are commonly ignored by large media houses in order to gain readership using “sensational” stories.

ABOUT SKB & ASSOCIATES, KOLKATA

SKB & Associates is a full service law firm with offices in Kolkata & Delhi and having alliances with associate lawyers in more than 25 states across the country. This network of alliances gives the benefit to the clients of a single window service provider to deal with all kinds of matters across the country under one umbrella.

With a large team of professionals led by a significant collegium of Partners and Associate Partners, SKB advises leading companies both domestic and international, financial institutions, on a wide array of matters ranging from corporate M&A finance projects, Infrastructure, Real Estate, Tax disputes and litigation.

Our areas of practice include Corporate & Commercial documentation, Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency, Regulatory, Sports (Agreement), Film (Agreements), Employment, Environment, Intellectual Property, M&A and Real Estate Sector.

The firm represents a large number of business houses across the country and also a couple of MNCs, Banking and Financial Institutions, Public & Private Sector Undertakings, various ministries of State and Central Government. NGOs as well as Individuals.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Based on the Media Group's vision to engage and aware people around us, we continuously bring in engaging news stories and courtroom updates which are both informative as well as essential for every common person out there.

We believe, the people we are surrounded with have a lot to express than just criticize everything that happens. We have a strong belief that everyone has his/her own perspective and a sound reasoning behind every criticism they have. We, at Libertatem Magazine, strive to unleash that inner belief and encourage people to put their opinions and views on the table where they can be discussed freely. That is where Libertatem comes in. We have named this magazine as Libertatem Magazine as the main concept of the Magazine is "*Freedom of Speech & Expression*". We respect everyone's right to speak.

With this line of thought, we have gearing up to organize a series of Essay Writing Competition wherein everyone be it a Student or a Faculty, be it from Law or from Engineering, everyone is free to express their views/ opinions on a given theme.

THE THEME & SUB-THEMES FOR THE ESSAY COMPETITION ARE

Main Theme: *Is today's India Jeopardising its Constitutional Principles?*

Sub Theme:

- 1. Crisis of Seniority in the Supreme Court Elevations - The Cornerstone of Legislature and Judicial Relationship*
- 2. The Debate around Article 35A of the Indian Constitution - Will it erode the Autonomy of Jammu & Kashmir?*
- 3. The Nightmare of Assamese People - The NRC and the Proposed Citizenship Amendment Bill*
- 4. The Arrests of Activists - Is it an attack on Freedom of Speech or is justified in the name of National Security?*
- 5. The Issue of 'Office of Profit' in the light of disqualification of 20 MLAs of the Aam Aadmi Party*
- 6. "I am what I am, So take me as I am": Section 377 Verdict and the way forward*

Mentioned above are broad themes and the participants are expected to work on any one of these. Participants are free to write on any specific topics concerning any one of these themes.

ELIGIBILITY

- We look forward for participation from any students (Certifications/ Diploma/ UG/ PG) from any stream from any Universities/ Colleges/ Institute in India.
- Multiple entries from one participant are not permitted.
- Co- Authorship is not permitted.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Essay must be written solely by the candidate, in English, and may not have been submitted for publication elsewhere.
- Authors should not mention their name or any kind of identification mark in the manuscript. Any manuscript found to have any details of authors shall be rejected.
- Article shall not exceed 2000 words (excluding footnotes). Minimum word limit is 1,000 words.
- All submissions have to be made in MS Word format and should be typed in Times New Roman, Font Size 12 and 1.5 Line Space.
- Footnotes should follow the Bluebook 20th Edition and shall be typed in Times New Roman, Font Size 10 and 1 Line Space.
- The Page Margins should be 1” or 2.54 cm on all sides.
- All text should be aligned as Justified.
- All the claims of the authors, in the body of the manuscript, are expected to be backed by reasons along with proper citations and shall not be merely an assertion.
- Submission should also mandatorily include the author’s view, in the conclusion, taking into considerations the aspects/contentions discussed throughout the manuscript.
- Any violation of rules shall result in direct disqualification.
- The essays will be scrutinized through plagiarism software. 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. Moreover, any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the essay.

EVALUATION CRITERIA & WEIGHTAGE

1. Understanding of Legal Issues (20 Marks)

- a. Does the essay demonstrate understanding of the relevant legal issues?
- b. Individuality of perspectives:
- c. Does the essay show evidence of independent thinking on the part of the author(s)?

2. Quality of Analysis (20 Marks)

- a. Are the principle questions raised in the essay justified?
- b. Are the arguments logical and persuasive?
- c. Have counterclaims been considered?
- d. Are the assumptions of the essay if made, justified and proper?

3. Quality of Research (20 Marks)

- a. Good
- b. Average
- c. Poor

4. Formatting & Language (20 Marks)

- a. Is the essay properly formatted?
- b. Are the footnotes according to the Bluebook 20th Edition?
- c. Are there any grammatical or spelling mistakes?

5. Suggestions & Recommendations (20 Marks)

- a. Whether an appropriate solution or recommendation is made out at the end of the essay.

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- a. All the essays submitted shall be exclusive property of Organisers.
- b. Organisers shall be free to use the information/ views therein in any manner it requires.
- c. No essay shall be entertained if received after the deadline.
- d. Decision of Organisers in deciding the winner(s) shall be final and binding and No query, correspondence etc. in this regard shall be entertained by the Organisers.
- e. Laws of India with jurisdiction of courts at Ahmedabad shall apply to this competition.

Note:

- a. Essays incompatible with the above rules and submission guidelines will not be considered.
- b. Submission of entries to the competition implies acceptance of the above terms and conditions by the participant(s).

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

1. Participants would require to register for the 1st Essay Writing Competition by Paying the Registration Fee from the website. *(Link Mentioned Below)*
2. Once the Registration is done, participants would receive a confirmation email from the event organizers.
3. Participants would have to submit their essay using the Submission Form on the Event Website. *(Link Mentioned Below)*
4. The participants would have to submit their essay latest by 11:59 PM, October 20, 2018 after which the submission form will close.
5. After submitting your essay, you will receive an automated confirmation email from the organizers.

LINKS

1. Registration Page: <http://event.libertatemmagazine.com/registration/>
2. Submission of Essay: <http://event.libertatemmagazine.com/submission/>
3. Contact our Support Page: <http://event.libertatemmagazine.com/contact-us/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Opens	- September 10, 2018
Registration Ends	- October 10, 2018
Submission Deadline	- October 20, 2018
Declaration of Result	- October 30, 2018

REGISTRATION

The participants are expected to register for the 1st Libertatem Essay Writing Competition by paying the registration fee of **Rs. 300** before the Registration Deadline i.e. **October 10, 2018**.

MODE OF PAYMENT

Registration Fee should be paid via our Payment Gateway using Credit Card/ Debit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI or Wallet Services.

PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

1. Participants need to Register by paying the Registration Fee of Rs. 300 using the above mentioned payment modes on the [Registration Page](#).
2. After filling all details and the payment of Registration Fee, participant will receive an email confirming their Payment and will also be redirected to the Registration Confirmation Page.
3. Participants will then have time till October 20, 2018 for submission of their Essay.
4. Once a Participation is confirmed, there shall be no cancellation or refund.

PRIZES:

1st Position/ Winner:

1. Rs. 5,000 Cash Prize
2. Paid Internship Opportunity at SKB & Associates, Kolkata with Stipend of Rs.3,000
3. Publication of essay in a Journal
4. Certificate of Publication
5. Certificate of Achievement

2nd Position/ First Runner Up:

1. Rs. 3,000 Cash Prize
2. Publication of essay in a Journal
3. Certificate of Merit

4. Certificate of Publication

3rd Position/ Second Runner Up:

1. Rs. 2,000 Cash Prize
2. Publication of essay in a Journal
3. Certificate of Publication
4. Certificate of Merit

4th Position to 10th Position

1. Publication of essay in a Journal
2. Certificate of Publication

All other Participants

1. Certificate of Participation

CONTACT US:

For any queries, please feel free to contact us via our Support Page:

<http://event.libertatemmagazine.com/contact-us/>