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Presents

7TH DR. A P J ABDUL KALAM NATIONAL LEGAL ESSAY COMPETITION - 2022

Theme :- Law, Technology and Access to Justice

With great pleasure ProBono India in collaboration with Pro Bono Club, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar supported by Dr. Chintan Pathak & Associates are presenting the 7th edition of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam National Legal Essay Competition - 2022.

Technology is impeccable part of each and every mortal's life in today's era and it has left no field untouched. In last few years, it established a phenomenal place in the field of law through several ways such as online court room hearings, developing apps for assisting the needy people and also in legal startups. Department of Justice in the recent past came up with schemes such as Tele Law & *Nyaya Bandhu* in order to facilitate free legal aid & awareness to the people from remote areas. Technology has been of great importance for connecting lawyers & needy people on the same platform to bring a great socio-legal change. It has enshrined the importance of the concept of 'probono'. A substantial shift has been seen in the way of accessing justice with this intricately interwoven blend of law & technology. The gravity of contribution or development it has done in accessing the justice could be only done through analyzing the effects of the same.

For highlighting above, we have decided the theme Law, Technology and Access to Justice for this edition.

Guidelines of the Competition

- ❖ Participants are advised to focus on how law blended with technology is enabling access to justice. Participant must adhere to the main theme while selecting any sub-theme.
- ❖ The Competition is open for all the students studying in any discipline in the recognized Colleges/Departments of the Universities in India. No co-authorship is allowed.
- ❖ Essay should be original (not published earlier or extracted from other sources) in English, 4500 to 5000 thousand words (New Times Roman, font size 12, 1.5 spacing) including footnotes. Title of the page should carry all details like name, affiliation, email id, mobile no. of the participants. Sample coverage link here

<https://shorturl.at/fLTY9>

Plagiarism Level is permitted to 20%. Participants are required to submit plagiarism report with essay.

- ❖ Registration Fees of **Rs. 100** to be paid through Paytm/Google Pay to **Mob. No. 99248 97691**. After making the payment registration to be made at <https://forms.gle/qHnuqquZL8yeMk5K9> by **September 30, 2022**.
- ❖ Essay to be submitted to email id **probono.in@gmail.com** in word file only on or before **October 31, 2022, 10-00 pm**.
- ❖ Students should also send scanned copy of a valid ID card alongwith the essay. The participants will be informed other details or subsequent changes, if any. If there is any change in the e-mail address of the participants, it may be informed to the above address.

Awards & Certification

Certificate, Cash prizes & Memento will be given to best three essays. Winner Rs. 5,000, 1st Runner Up Rs. 3,000 & 2nd Runner Up Rs. 2,000. In case of tie, essay will be sent for further evaluation to experts. All contributors will be given an e-certificate of participation for the submission of essay.

Outcome of the Competition

All good quality essays will be published in the form of a book/journal/magazine /electronic resource or in any other manner as it may deem appropriate, subject to sufficient number of good quality essays. All entries shall be deemed to be the property of the organizer. Organizer has complete discretion about publication of essay in any form. Essays will be judged by experts, faculties from diverse fields based on parameters like content, flow of presentation, critical & innovating thinking, reference, language etc.

Result of the competition will be declared by **October 20, 2022**

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