

GNLU Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development

The Centre for Environmental and Sustainable Development established by Gujarat National Law University is taking the initiative to offer study, research and expert consultation in the environmental matters.

The Centre for Environmental Environment and Sustainable Development aims to provide a platform for study, research, capacity building and consultation to all the stake holders including the grass root people, industries and administrative authorities.

GNLU-GUVNL Research Fellowship on Energy Law and Policy

With a view to provide sound and sustained legal research, drafting, training and educational assistance to Energy Law and Policy stakeholders, GNLU has established a Fellowship for the Energy Law and Policy. The Fellowship aims to provide a forum for discussion, research and study of International and National Energy Law and Policy. The collaborative GUVNL Research Fellowship Programme is an effective modality of GNLU and GUVNL to enhance legal education, research, training and extension programs and activities exclusively in the area of Energy Law and Policy.

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Gujarat National Law University

NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION 2016



THEME GLOBAL ENERGY CRISIS AND CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM

ABOUT GNLU

Gujarat National Law University, a premier national law university of India, is established by the Government of Gujarat through Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003. The University is recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and the University Grants Commission (UGC) [2 (f) & 12 (b)]. GNLU is a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU); the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI); and International Association of Law Schools (IALS).

GNLU offers interdisciplinary legal courses in five faculties namely, B.A.LLB, B.Com. LLB, B.Sc. LLB, BSW. LLB, BBA. LLB; two post-graduate programme namely, LLM and MBA (Financial Management and Business Laws) as well as doctoral programmes in law and inter-disciplinary fields and foreign law and language programmes. Over a period of time since its inception, the University has established itself as a leading National Law University in the country, with its intensive focus on research-based activities and teaching through the establishment of specialized centres, organizing extension and training programmes, national and international conferences, guest lectures and collaborations for faculty and student exchange programmes. For its exemplary efforts in the promotion of legal education, UGC has recognized GNLU as a model legal university in terms of access, equity, relevance, and high standards in 2011. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has accredited the University with 'A' Grade in 2016. GNLU has also been ranked as the 3rd and 4th Best Law University in the country by Outlook-Drshti Professional College Survey 2016 and India Today-Nielsen Survey 2016, respectively.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

“Access to Energy is crucial to economic and social development and the eradication of poverty. Improving accessibility of energy implies finding ways and means by which energy services can be delivered reliably, and affordably, in an economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound manner.”

- Commission on Sustainable Development (New York, March 2000)

With the depletion of natural resources and increase in global warming, significance for sustainable development has been realized. It is crucial to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In this spirit, various attempts are made at national and international level to shift to the renewable source of energy, which are conducive to the climate sustainability and the use of which will result significantly in reduction of the carbon footprints. The use of renewable energy restricts import of fossil fuels. The outcome becomes more strategic with the development of technology and energy infrastructure.

The generation and distribution of renewable energy essentially should be increased in order to fuel economic development in India. Production of renewable energy with the support of individual investors at grass root level and its distribution through decentralized mechanisms can also result in achieving the desired strategic goals. Thus, public private partnership is inevitable for enhancement of the energy infrastructure in the country.

While launching the target of universal energy access by 2030, United Nations Secretary General Ban ki Moon described the importance of energy access in poverty reduction and role of energy services, in meeting the Millennium Development Goals in following words:

“Universal energy access is a key priority on the global development agenda. It is a foundation for all the Millennium Development Goals. Without Energy Services, the poor are cut off from the basic amenities. They are forced to live and work in unhealthy, polluted conditions. Furthermore, energy poverty directly affects the viability of forests, soils and rangelands. In short it is an obstacle to the MDGs.”

Thus, Government around the world is striving to reduce the imports for fossil fuels and reduce carbon footprints and shift to renewable resources in order to meet the target of universal energy access. Towards achieving this goal, Government of India has devised several policies to meet the challenges faced by the energy sector. Integrated Energy Policy (IEP) adopted by the Government of India in 2006, identifies plethora of challenges to energy sector in the country. The Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission and The National Bio-Energy Mission were launched to promote generation of energy using renewable energy resources. Rural Electrification programs have as well been introduced by the Government recognizing the right to access energy. This in turn would lay an impact in the economic development by generation of revenue and job opportunities in the country.

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the GNLU-GUVNL National Level Essay Competition on “Global Energy Crisis and Clean Development Mechanism” is

- To address the concern for energy requirement at global level
- To propose policy changes in order to meet the need for over all development of the citizens and the nation.

The GNLU-GUVNL Research Fellowship on Energy Law and Policy invites students and research scholars to produce their essay upon the suggested theme and sub-themes of the essay competition and put forth their research study and suggestions to augment the Energy Infrastructure in the country. The competition endeavors to encourage and promote creative, logical thinking and knowledge about understanding the current issues faced by the Nations in Energy Sector at Global Level. A comparative analysis would be imperative to make in this regard.

SUB-THEMES

1. Electronic Vehicle Ecosystem in India
2. Energy Efficiency of Urban Public Transport System vis-à-vis Urban Warming
3. Enterprise Resource Planning for Energy Distribution Companies vis-à-vis Consumer Grievances and Redressal Mechanisms
4. Pilferage of Electricity: Control Mechanism
5. Power Trading: Promoting Access to Renewable Energy
6. Rural Electrification by 2020
7. Sustainable Energy Integration in Smart Cities
8. Rise of Energy Procurement through Power Purchase Agreements: Contractual Issues and Dispute Settlement
9. Ensuring energy security in India within 5 years: How far feasible?

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ELIGIBILITY

The Competition is open for Students pursuing Law/M.B.A/Engineering and Research Scholars.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

- **Format** - Submissions to be made in .doc formats only.
- **Word Limit** - The essay should be in English, not exceeding 10,000 words (excluding footnotes)
The essay should be accompanied with an abstract not exceeding 500 words.
- **Citation Style** - All submissions must follow the Oscola system of citation.
- **Font** - The Submissions are to be made in Garamond, Font Size: 12, Line spacing: 1.5, Footnote size: 10
- **Submission Rules** - Co-authorship is allowed but it should not be exceeding two participants.
- Participants should not send more than one Entry.
- All submissions must be original. Previously published material will not be accepted. Any form of plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.
- **Cover Page** - The cover page should include Name, Address, e-mail id, Contact number and name of The College/University along with address and Category (Student or Research Scholar) of the Participant. In case of co-authorship, the covering letter should include details of both the authors.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

- Every article will be peer reviewed.
- Every participant will be allotted a code on registration. The participant will send in their articles in which the file must be named by the code they have been allotted.
- The essay should not contain names or any other marks which reveal the identity of the author.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Essays should be submitted in Electronic Format Only.

Email Id: gnluguvnlessay@gmail.com

KEY DATE

Last Date for Submission of Essay – 25th December, 2016

REGISTRATION

Participants are required to fill in the registration form and submit it on or before 10th December, 2016.
On Registration, participants will be allotted their file code.

PRIZE

1st Prize – Cash Prize of Rs. 7500 and Certificate of Participation

2nd Prize – Cash Prize of Rs. 5000 and Certificate of Participation

3rd Prize – Cash Prize of Rs. 2500 and Certificate of Participation

Certificate of Participation for all the Participants.

Selected Essay would be published.



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NATIONAL LEVEL ESSAY COMPETITION

GLOBAL ENERGY CRISIS AND CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM

REGISTRATION FORM

CODE: _____

Theme/Sub-Theme: _____

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