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ABOUT NLIU

National Law Institute University, Bhopal is the second National Law University in India established through the *Rashtriya Vidhi Sansthan Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam*, enacted by the Madhya Pradesh State Legislature. The University now stands as one of the most reputed legal institutions and has been ranked consistently as one of the best law universities in the country.

NLIU LAW REVIEW

The NLIU Law Review is the flagship journal of the University. It is a peer-reviewed law journal published bi-annually by the students of NLIU Bhopal. So far, the journal has seen 13 editions in publication.

The NLIU Law Review aims to serve as a forum for promoting the discourse on contemporary and pressing legal concerns at both the national and international level. Since its inception, this student helmed publication has sought to cultivate a style of scholarship that explores both the theoretical and the practical concerns of the legal world.

Last year, in addition to publishing two issues of the journal, the Review organised the first edition of the NLIU-India Foundation Constitutional Law Symposium in collaboration with India Foundation.



ABOUT INDIA FOUNDATION

India Foundation is a research centre based in Delhi, focussed on the issues, challenges and opportunities of the Indian polity. It publishes two journals- (a) Aakrosh: Asian Journal on terrorism and internal conflicts; and (b) India Foundation Journal. One of the centres of India Foundation is the Centre for Constitutional and Legal Studies (CCLS). Run by eminent jurists and reputed members of the legal fraternity, CCLS aims to study the ever-evolving legal and constitutional framework both in India and abroad, to come up with models and recommendations to further strengthen the Indian system.

THE NLIU-INDIA FOUNDATION CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SYMPOSIUM

The aim of the Symposium is to provide a platform for discussion on contemporary constitutional law issues in India. It is open for participation to students, researchers, faculty members, academicians, lawyers and legal experts in the field of constitutional law. The event consists of a paper presentation competition and multiple panel discussions held over a period of two days.

PAPER PRESENTATION COMPETITION

On the first day of the Symposium, a paper presentation competition on the theme of "Contemporary Constitutional Law Issues in India" is organised. In the previous edition of the competition, participants presented their views on many pressing issues, ranging from female genital mutilation and reservation in promotions to the *Sabarimala* verdict. All the papers shortlisted for the competition were published in Volume VIII Issue II of the journal.



PANEL DISCUSSIONS

On the second day of the Symposium, multiple panel discussions on contemporary constitutional law issues take place, with the panels consisting of highly reputed academicians and dignitaries. Some of the panellists in the previous edition were Justice A.P.Misra (Former Judge, Supreme Court, and Chairman, Legal Education Committee), Prof. N.L.Mitra (Former director, NLSIU Bangalore and Founder Vice-Chancellor, NLU Jodhpur), Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee (Additional Solicitor General, Supreme Court) and J. Sai Deepak (Lawyer, Supreme Court). The panel discussions were held on topics such as "Faith and the Indian Constitution" and "Freedom of Speech and Expression in the Age of Social Media."

SYMPOSIUM, 2020

The Review, in collaboration with India Foundation, is set to organise the second edition of the Symposium on March 14 and 15, 2020. The Review hereby invites entries for the paper presentation competition of the Symposium, to be held on March 14, 2020, as per the submission guidelines provided below.

Submission Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY

Students currently pursuing an LL.B.(Hons)/LL.B/LL.M from a recognised university are eligible to send in entries.

STRUCTURE

The manuscripts will be subjected to review by the Editorial Board of the Review. Manuscripts selected by the Technical and Content Review Boards of the Review, will be sent for an external Peer Review. The shortlisting of the top ten* manuscripts will be done on the basis of evaluation of the Editorial Board and the Peers of the Review. On the confirmation of the participation in the paper presentation competition of the Symposium, the shortlisted manuscripts will be published in a special issue of Volume IX of the Review. No publication fee will be charged.

**Ten is a tentative figure. The final decision of shortlisted manuscripts will be taken by the organisers.*

T H E M E S

The paper submissions and presentations by the author(s) must be strictly original, in conformity with the broader theme of "Contemporary Constitutional Law Issues in India". A suggestive list of topics has been provided below in order to aid the participants; however, participants are free to include any issue(s) within the main theme.

- **Impact of statutory developments on constitutional rights**

- a. Introduction of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019*

- b. Introduction of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019*

- **Critical Analysis of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019**

- **Constitutionality of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019**

- **Challenges posed by the Constitution to the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code**

- **Nature of the federal structure of India**

- a. The constitutional legitimacy of the abrogation of Article 370*

- b. A constitutional analysis of the 2019 Karnataka political crisis*

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- **Independence of the judiciary and judicial appointments**

- a. Judicial activism versus judicial overreach*
- b. Problems with the current system of judicial appointments*
- c. Refusal of judges: Need for regulation?*

- **Any other constitutional law topic with contemporary relevance in India**

MANUSCRIPT

Manuscripts should be within 5000-8000 words. Co-authorship of papers (maximum two) between individuals from the same or different institutions is allowed, The manuscripts must be of a highly analytical nature wherein the author(s) arrive at a definite conclusion on the subject-matter at hand.

Abstract: Each manuscript must contain an abstract of not more than 300 words. This is inclusive of the above mentioned word limit of 5000-8000 words.

Citations: Citations must conform to the standards laid down in the *Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20TH, 2015)*. Submissions must use only footnotes as a form of citation. Substantive footnoting in the manuscripts is not permitted.

Kindly note that the word limit is inclusive of footnotes. Strict adherence to the word limit is highly advised.

FORMATTING

The following format must be strictly adhered to for all the submissions:

Title: Times New Roman, size-15, Bold, 2.0 line spacing, centre-aligned.

Abstract: Times New Roman, size-11, italicised, 1.5 line spacing, justified, Margins of 2.0.

Main Body: Times New Roman, size 12, 1.15 line spacing, justified.

Heading: Times New Roman, size 14, 1.5 line spacing, centre-aligned.

Sub-headings: Times New Roman, size 13, Italicised, 1.5 line spacing, centre-aligned.

Footnotes: Times New Roman, size 10, 1.0 line spacing, justified.

Margins: One inch (2.54 cm) on all four sides.

AWARDS

The winner(s) of the paper presentation competition will be awarded prize money of Rs, 20, 000/-. The second-best participant(s) will receive prize money of Rs. 15,000/-. The third best participant(s) will receive prize money of Rs. 10,000/-. We also have the best manuscript award of Rs. 5,000/-.

DEADLINE

The original manuscript must be sent to **lawreview@nliu.ac.in** by 23:59 hours of January 25, 2020. The email must contain the manuscript in .doc/docx format. The email must also contain a cover letter containing the name(s) of the authors, the institution, the course and the year of study along with a declaration about the originality of the manuscript. A sample declaration form can be downloaded from **www.nliulawreview.wordpress.com** .

The shortlisted manuscripts shall be declared on February 28, 2020.

IMPORTANT DATES

Final Date of Submission of Manuscripts	January 25th, 2020
Declaration of Shortlisted Manuscripts	February 28th, 2020
Paper Presentation Competition	March 14th, 2020
Prize Distribution Ceremony	March 15th, 2020

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