

6th V.S. Mani Memorial National Essay Competition 2025

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About the Essay Competition

The V.S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law (VSMCASL), Gujarat National Law University along with the support of the generous grant from Prof. (Dr.) Stephan Hobe, Director, Institute of Air Law, Space Law and Cyber Law, University of Cologne, Germany is launching 6th V.S. Mani Memorial National Essay Competition 2025.

The Essay Competition is an endeavour to commemorate the inspiring contribution of Prof. (Dr.) V.S. Mani in the field of International Law, particularly Air and Space Law.

Guidelines

- Submission shall be made in the online mode only.
- Submission shall be in English.
- Submission need to be original. Plagiarism shall result in disqualification.
- Title once registered shall not be changed. Co-authorship is permitted up to a maximum of two authors.
- Name, affiliation of author/co-author shall be attached separately in the same e-mail while submitting and not in any manner as part of the essay.
- Any identification mark (in any form) in the essay shall lead to disqualification. Multiple or incomplete submissions shall not be considered.
- Word limit: Min. 4000 to Max. 6000 words (excluding references).
- Submission below or above the word limit shall not be considered.
- Citation style: OSCOLA (4th Edition). Font: Times New Roman; Font size-12; Spacing- 1.5.
- Any contribution received after the last date shall not be considered. Submit your text as a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx).
- Essays submitted shall neither have been published previously nor be under consideration for publication.
- The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final.
- Essays will be evaluated on the following criteria: depth of analysis, cogency of arguments, structure, feasibility of suggestions, language and references in support.
- By way of submission, authors of the essays which are awarded prize money and certificates of merit, agree that Copyright therein shall vest in VSMCASL.

THEME

Any contemporary issue of 'Air and Space Law'.

Objective

To encourage and provide opportunity of research to the students having passion for Air and Space Law

Eligibility and Registration

The competition is open to students pursuing UG/PG (Law) in India. The students shall register by filling the online form.

Submission

All submissions are to be electronically mailed only to vsmec@gnlu.ac.in

Submission Deadline

15 August 2025

Prizes

- 1st Prize: ₹ 11,000/
- 2nd Prize: ₹ 10,000/
- 3rd Prize: ₹ 9,000/
- All the participants who successfully submit the essay before 15 August 2025 shall be eligible to receive an e-Certificate of Appreciation

Announcement of the Award

September 2025

Contact Information

Kindly e-mail queries, if any, to vsmec@gnlu.ac.in

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