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RAIPUR

ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

IN COMMEMORATION OF MAHATMA GANDHIJI'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

The Legal Aid & Social Services Committee (LSSC) of HNLU is organising an Essay Writing Competition to engage students with Gandhian philosophy and its enduring connections with law, justice, and constitutional values.

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Submission Deadline 11:59 PM, 25 October 2025



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OBJECTIVES

1. Foster rigorous engagement with Gandhian thought and its relevance to India's legal framework.
2. Encourage critical reflection on law, justice, and ethics inspired by Gandhiji.
3. Promote awareness of Gandhian values in the Constitution, statutes, and contemporary legal practice.
4. Motivate innovative applications of Gandhian ideas to present-day legal and social challenges.
5. Strengthen the spirit of legal aid and social justice in line with the Gandhian vision of "Access to Justice for All."

SUGGESTED THEMES

1. **Ahimsa Today:** Gandhiji's principle of non-violence and its relevance in contemporary society.
2. **Women & Dignity:** Gandhian values and their significance in protecting the rights of women.
3. **Swaraj & the Constitution:** Gandhiji's vision of self-rule and its reflection in India's constitutional scheme.
4. **Legal Aid as Social Justice:** Realising Gandhiji's dream of access to justice for all.
5. **Green Gandhism:** Environmental jurisprudence through a Gandhian lens—sustainability, simplicity, and law.
6. **Gandhian Ethics in a Tech Age:** Relevance amidst AI and rapid technological change.

PRIZES

1st Prize: Rs. 3,000/-

2nd Prize: Rs. 2,000/-

3rd Prize: Rs. 1,500/-

COMPETITION RULES

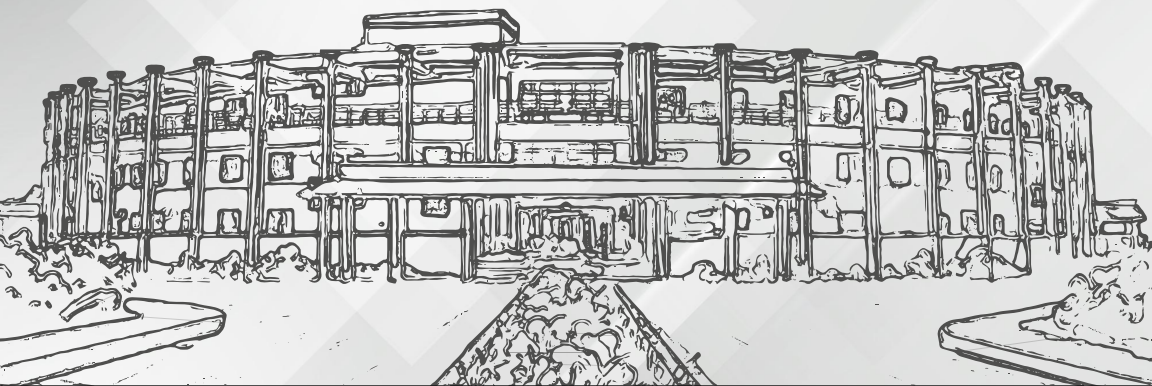
- **Eligibility:** Open to all law students of National Law Universities and Central/State Universities.
- **Word Limit:** 2,500–3,000 words (excluding footnotes).
Language: English.
- **Formatting:**
 - ▶ **Font:** Times New Roman; Size 12 (text), 10 (footnotes)
 - ▶ **Line Spacing:** 1.5; Margins: 1 inch; Alignment: Justified
 - ▶ **Citation:** Bluebook 21st ed. (footnotes only)
- **Originality:** Work must be original; plagiarism check - similarity limit - $\leq 10\%$. Attach the plagiarism report.
- **File & Submission:**
 - ▶ Submit a single PDF to lssc.sba@hnlu.ac.in with subject line: “Submission – Gandhi Jayanti Essay Competition”
 - ▶ Include a separate Cover Letter within the same PDF (as the first page) with:
 - ★ Name; Essay Title; Email ID; Contact Number
 - ★ University/College; Year & Semester; Enrollment ID
 - ★ Bonafide Certificate from the University
 - ★ Declaration of Originality (signed/typed with date & place)
 - ★ **Deadline:** 11:59 PM, 25 October 2025.
- **Decision:** The decision of the expert panel constituted by HNLU is final.

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

1. PDF file (essay + first-page cover letter).
2. Word count 2,500–3,000 (excluding footnotes).
3. Bluebook 21st ed. footnotes; formatting as specified.
4. Plagiarism report $\leq 10\%$ attached.
5. Bonafide certificate included.
6. Declaration of originality included.
7. Email sent to lssc.sba@hnl.u.ac.in with correct subject line before 25 Oct 2025, 11:59 PM.



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