

GNLU CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES



Presents

3rd GCRCJS Criminal Law

ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

Transcending Boundaries in Criminal
Justice: From Local Realities to Global
Imperatives

Prize Pool of 15K

submit on or before

28th October 2025

ABOUT

GNLU

Gujarat National Law University

Gujarat National Law University is a statutory university established by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003. The University is recognised by the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission. The University functions as a nodal agency to uplift legal education in the State of Gujarat. The University offers teaching, research and training programmes in law and inter-disciplinary fields such as Arts, Commerce, Science and Technology, Business Administration and Social Work at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. It is the only National Law University offering integrated undergraduate law degrees in five areas- B.A. LL.B., B.S.W. LL.B., B.Com. LL.B, B.B.A. LL.B, and B.Sc. LL.B.; full-time LL.M., MBA in Financial Management and Business Laws and PhD in law and other disciplines as recommended by the UGC as well as diploma/certificate courses in various areas.

GCRCJS

GNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences

The GNLU Centre for Research in Criminal Justice Sciences (GCRCJS) is a specialised Research Centre focused on advancing the study of criminal law through comprehensive research and academic discussions. Since its inception, GCRCJS has organised numerous significant events, including the 13th Asian Criminology Conference, 1st and 2nd GCRCJS International Conference on Crime & Technology, and multiple editions of our flagship Legislative Drafting Competition. GCRCJS actively facilitates the exchange of ideas through initiatives like the 'Crime and Justice: A Discourse Series,' the newsletter: 'The Crime and Justice Gazette,' and the blog: 'Crime & Justice Blog.' The Centre has hosted several prominent figures for webinars and guest lectures, including Hon'ble Mr Justice Aravind Kumar and Hon'ble Mr Justice Nilay V Anjaria, Sitting Judges at the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr Justice Alpesh Y Kogje, Hon'ble Ms Justice Gita Gopi and Hon'ble Ms Justice Sangeeta Vishen and Hon'ble Ms Justice Nisha Thakore, Sitting Judges at the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court; Shri Shekhar Naphade, Ms. Rebecca John, Senior Advocates at the Supreme Court of India and Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, Senior Advocate, Additional Solicitor General at the Supreme Court.

VISION OF THE COMPETITION

The competition seeks to foster critical engagement with the evolving dimensions of criminal justice by exploring its intersections with local realities and global norms. By examining contemporary challenges, from financial crimes and environmental offenses to victim protection and cross-border justice, participants will contribute fresh perspectives toward shaping a more responsive and inclusive criminal justice system. Students are encouraged to engage with the themes through a comparative perspective, incorporating relevant laws from other jurisdictions where appropriate.

COMPETITION THEMES

The Theme for the Competition shall be:

"Transcending Boundaries in Criminal Justice: From Local Realities to Global Imperatives"

and various sub-themes, including:

- *Financial Crimes and Global Regulatory Standards*
- *Victim-Centric Approaches to Justice*
- *Juvenile Justice: Reform, Deterrence, and Protection Balance*
- *Challenges in Cross-Border Criminal Investigations*
- *Criminal Law and Environmental Offenses: Addressing Climate Change Crimes*
- *Evolving Frameworks for Witness Protection Across Different Criminal Jurisdictions*
- *Universal Jurisdiction in International Criminal Law*

Participants are encouraged to strictly adhere to the themes for the Competition.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Essays on the above theme and sub-themes are invited from students in the fields of Law, Criminology, Public Administration, Sociology, and related fields.



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



1st Prize

2nd Prize



3rd Prize



All essays that meet the plagiarism requirements and comply with the prohibition on AI use shall receive a **Certificate of Participation**, whereas the top 5 entries of the 3rd GCRCJS Criminal Law Essay Writing Competition will be published on the **GCRCJS Crime & Justice Blog**, and the top 3 entries shall receive a **Certificate of Merit** and **Cash Prize**.

GUIDELINES

ESSAY GUIDELINES

- The name of the Author(s) or any other form of identification must not be mentioned in the Essay.
- Co-authorship is limited to a maximum of two (2) authors.
- Word limit: 1500-2000 words, excluding the Footnotes.
- Font style – Times New Roman.
- Font size – 14 for Headings, 12 for Body, 10 for Footnotes Line Spacing – 1.5 for Body, 1.0 for Footnotes.
- Citation Style – OSCOLA.
- Margins – 1 inch (i.e., 2.54 cm) on each side.
- Note: Speaking footnotes are allowed in the submissions, but are not mandatory. If included, they should be limited to a maximum of 50 words each.
- The plagiarism limit is 10% following UGC Guidelines.
- Use of Artificial Intelligence for submissions is strictly prohibited and highly discouraged.

STEPS TO REGISTER

A **non-refundable** fee of **₹100** is to be paid for each submission at the time of registration.

The registration fee must be paid online through the link provided below. Participants are advised to retain a copy of the payment receipt for future reference.

PAY HERE

STEPS TO SUBMIT

The submission must be made through the provided Google Form link only.

The name of the document should be in the following format for both Word Document and PDF: **<Title of the Paper - EssayComp>**

Submission Deadline: 28th October 2025.

Note: No extension shall be granted beyond the set deadline

SUBMIT HERE

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