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ESSAY COMPETITION 2023

THEMES

TOPIC-1 "EXPANDING CONTOURS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY"

The right to privacy is a distinct and independent fundamental right under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. Privacy encompasses the body and mind, including decisions, choices, information, and freedom.

As quoted in the case of **K. S. Puttaswamy** by **Chief Justice of India Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud**, *"Privacy is concomitant with the right of the individual to exercise control over his or her personality. It finds an origin in the notion that there are certain rights which are natural to or inherent in a human being. Natural rights are inalienable because they are inseparable from the human personality. The human element in life is impossible to conceive without the existence of natural rights."*

Provide your perspective on the privacy laws and legal developments relating to artificial intelligence at both the national and international level.

TOPIC-2 AN ANALYSIS OF "THE IMPORTANCE OF BASIC STRUCTURE DOCTRINE": IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDMARK JUDGMENT 'KESAVANANDA BHARATI VS STATE OF KERALA.'

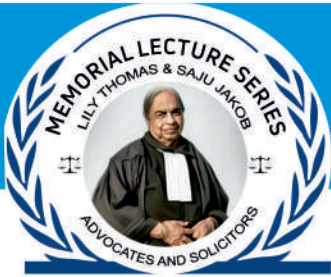
TOPIC-3 "INTEGRITY AND ETHICS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION: A MUST"

Legal profession is a noble profession. There are times when lawyers are portrayed as crusaders for justice, and at other times, in the opposite light.

Recently, **Chief Justice of India, Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud**, stated *"We all sleep with our conscience. You can fool the whole world but can't fool your conscience. It keeps on asking questions every night. Integrity is the core of the legal profession. With integrity we will either continue to survive or we will self-destruct"*

Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer once stated, *"Law is not a trade, not briefs, not merchandise, and so the heaven of commercial competition should not vulgarise the legal profession."* As the famous saying of **Mr. Alan K. Simpson** goes, *"If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters."*





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PRIZES

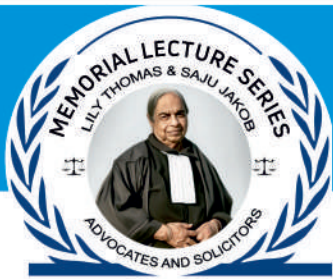
Rank	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3
1st	Rs.10,000	Rs.10,000	Rs.10,000
2nd	Rs 5,000	Rs 5,000	Rs 5,000
3rd	Rs.3,000	Rs.3,000	Rs.3,000
4th to 10th	Rs.1,000	Rs.1,000	Rs.1,000

- Total 30 winners will be awarded cash prizes along with Certificate of Appreciation.
- The first rank holder from each topic will be given a two-minutes opportunity to present their essays in the Memorial Lecture.
- The Certificate of Participation, Appreciation, and Cash Prizes will only be awarded to those essay writers or winners who attend the Memorial Lecture, either physically or virtually, at 16:30 Hrs on 15th December, 2023.
- Top 30 essays will be published on our website www.lilythomas.net

GUIDELINES

- Essay Writing Competition is free and open to all. No prior registration is required.
- Word Limit: 1600-1800 words (excluding footnotes and abstract), abstract shall be approximately 200 words.
- The Font shall be Times New Roman, the font size- 12, and the line spacing should be 1.5.
- Citation Style: 19th Bluebook Edition.
- The essays should strictly be in English language.
- Only 15%-20% plagiarism is allowed.





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- The abstract and essay should be combined into one document.
- No co-authorship is allowed.
- Multiple entries from the same author are not allowed.
- Submission on more than one topic is not allowed.
- The subject line of the email should contain the complete name of the topic.
- There must be a separate cover page attached to the e-mail containing the essay that includes essay writer's name, address, date of birth, and an undertaking stating that the essay is original.

SUBMISSIONS

- Interested essay writers should send their essays along with abstract in Word or PDF format by 30th November, 2023 at 23:45 Hrs IST.
- Essays should be sent to email essays@lilythomas.org
- Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Handwritten essays will not be accepted.
- Results will be announced on 15th December, 2023 at the Memorial Lecture, the details of which will be uploaded later, on our website www.lilythomas.net
- Mandatory Participation of Essay Writers at the Memorial Lecture is required.
- Link to join Memorial Lecture will be provided later, on our website www.lilythomas.net
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IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Submission: 30th November, 2023 by 23:45 Hrs IST.

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Result Declaration: 15th December, 2023 in the Memorial Lecture.

For any further queries, please write to essays@lilythomas.org with a subject "Query for Essay Writing Competition" or contact us at +919667661678.

