

Representing Prof. (Dr.) Shamnad Basheer's vision

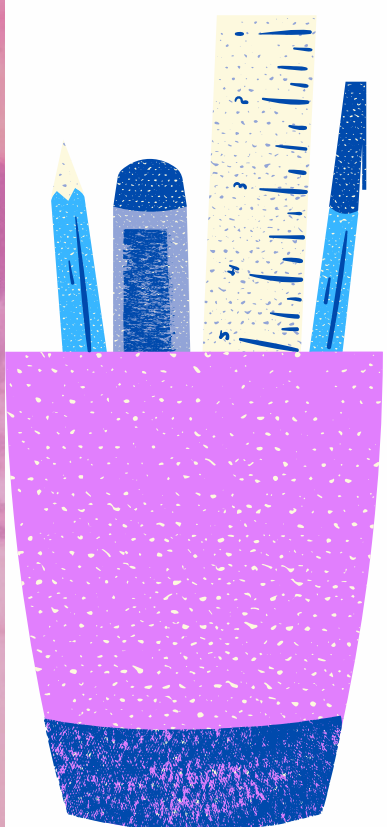


**ESSAY  
WRITING  
COMPETITION**

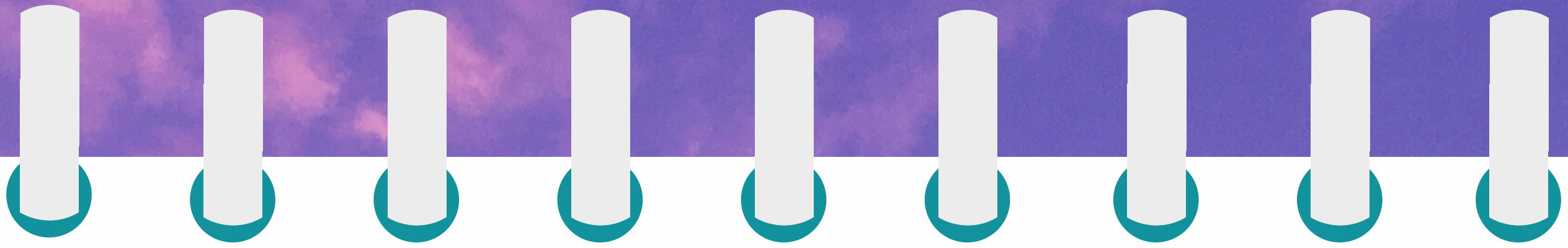


**IDIA Punjab Chapter invites short essay submissions ranging between 1500-2500 words! Come, pen down some illuminating ideas while contributing to the noble cause!**

**1st prize: Rs. 1000/- + Internship opportunity with IDIA and much more...**



**Register by 19th September  
Submit by 29th September**



## **ABOUT IDIA**

*"No matter where you are from, your dreams are valid."*

*-Lupita Nyong'o*

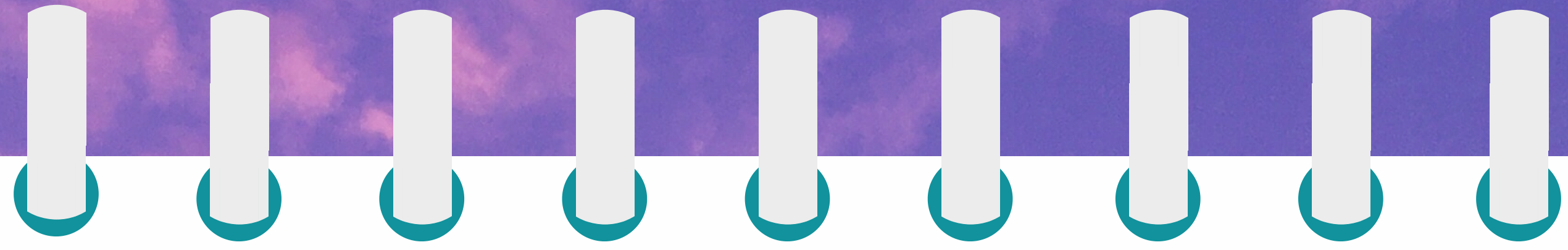
Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access to Legal Education (IDIA) is a nationwide charitable trust founded by Late Prof. (Dr.) Shamnad Basheer in 2010. The main goal of the movement is to empower underprivileged students and help them transform into leading lawyers and community advocates by giving them access to quality legal education.

IDIA sensitizes underprivileged students from across the country to law as a career option, trains them and provides scholarships to the students on gaining admission to law schools.

## **IN THE MEMORY OF SHAMNAD BASHEER**

On the 8th of August, 2019, our legal fraternity lost a doyen following his sad demise but his indomitable legacy lives on. Prof. (Dr.) Shamnad Basheer graduated from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore and did his post-graduate studies from the University of Oxford. He was a renowned academician, known especially for his contributions in the field of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). He was the founder of the leading IPR blog in India, SpicyIP. He was also awarded the Infosys Prize 2014 in Humanities.

Prof. Basheer founded IDIA in 2010 when he was teaching in the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata. Finding most of his students to be from more privileged backgrounds, he realised the importance of diversity in legal education. He and a few volunteers went to a school in the small town of Pelling in Sikkim to spread awareness about law as a career and created the IDIA National Aptitude Test (INAT) on the spot! This was the start of the IDIA Charitable Trust.



To pay homage to revered Prof. (Dr.) Basheer and to remember his noble vision, IDIA Punjab Chapter organizes an **Essay Writing Competition** to contribute to the training of the underprivileged children and taking them a step closer to manifesting their dreams.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The competition will be open to all Indian students pursuing any undergraduate/postgraduate degree. The event is not restricted only to law students.

### **THEMES FOR ESSAY**

1. **Constitutional Validity of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019**
2. **The South China Sea dispute**
3. **International Law Perspective on the India-China-Pakistan tussle**
4. **LGBTQIA Rights and Their Progression in the Indian Society**
5. **Abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution of India**
6. **Patent battle for Licensing of the Covid-19 vaccine**
7. **Constitutional Analysis of the Ayodhya Verdict**
8. **Contempt of Court: Prashant Bhushan Controversy**

### **DEADLINES**

The last date for the registration is **September 19th**.

The last date for the submission is **September 29th**.



## **REGISTRATION FEE**

Registration fee for single author : **Rs. 100/-**

Registration fee for co-authors : **Rs. 150/-**

Co-authorship upto two authors is permitted.

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

1. **Word limit:** 1500-2500 words (excluding footnotes).
2. Individual attachments: Name; contact details; current academic status (Year, University etc.); undertaking as to guarantee of originality.
3. The file name must consist only the name(s) of the Author(s).
4. **Citation-** Uniform style of citation should be followed throughout the essay.
5. Plagiarized content should not be submitted.
6. Entries should be emailed to **rgnulteam@idialaw.org** under the subject title "IDIA Essay Writing Competition – [Name(s) of Author(s)]" in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format.

### **Formatting specifications:-**

1. Font and size for the essay: Times New Roman | 12
2. Font and size for footnotes: Times New Roman | 10
3. Line spacing: 1.5
4. Margins- Left 1.5 Inch and Right 1.0 Inch, Top 1 Inch and bottom 1 inch.



## PRIZES

- **Certificates of Participation** to be awarded to all.
- **Certificates of Merit** to be awarded to the Top 3 meritorious submissions.
- The best submission shall win a cash prize of **Rs. 1000/-** along with an **internship opportunity** at IDIA.
- The second best submission shall win a prize money of **Rs. 500/-**.
- The best 3 submissions may be considered for **publication** on the official platform of IDIA.

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

Please register via the following **google form** for the Essay Writing Competition.

<https://forms.gle/GiYnAW4RjZ2vF2Rj6>

**Payment** is to be made at +918800450916 via Google Pay or Paytm UPI.

## CONTACT

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