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The Literary & Debating Society
presents

PROF. MOOL CHAND SHARMA MEMORIAL ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION

Saturday, 30th January, 2021

Theme: Indian Farm Bills 2020

Prof. Sharma was an eminent Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. Throughout the course of his long, illustrious and vibrant career, he served in various capacities, as Vice-Chairperson of the University Grants Commission (UGC); Director of National Law Institute University, Bhopal; Senior Research Advisor at the National Human Rights Commission; Expert Legal Advisor for the Law Commission of India; and Joint Registrar of Research at the Supreme Court of India. His desire and relentless drive for the law also led him to compose several works, one of which *The Constitution of India: Celebrating and Calibrating 70 Years – A Compendium of Articles*, was also presented to the President of India by the Indian National Bar Association.

A teacher with knowledge and understanding of the intricacies of law and an advocate of justice, human rights and constitutional value; Prof. Sharma inspired all with his academic achievements and intellectual prowess deservedly being recognized by minds throughout the world. His focus on legal education as a tool to advance the democratic values was legendary. In ***loving memory of Prof Mool Chand Sharma***, The Literary & Debating Society, School of Law, Sharda University is organizing a National Article Writing Competition on Indian Farm Bills 2020. The competition is open for the practitioners, academicians, lawyers, research scholars and students.

The three Farm Bills of 2020, namely the The Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, The Farmer's (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill have given rise to heated debate across the nation and widespread protests in the farming community. One faction argues that these acts seek to bring conducive change in key aspects of the agricultural economy — such as price assurance, private investment in farming, removal of stock limits, direct commercial dealing and removal of trade barriers. The Opposing faction however highlights the exploitative mechanism under the new legal regime with private players being the 'ultimate winner', attack on subsistence farming system, loss of state revenue and MSP needs to be addressed immediately.

“To forget how to dig the earth and tend the soil is to forget ourselves.” This statement from Gandhi indicated the importance of the notion of farmer's rights in India. The struggle to preserve, protect and promote basic rights of our cultivators continues in every generation in every society. New rights arise from the womb of the old. In this Competition we shall widen the sphere of Farmer Rights thought and action”.

ABOUT THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The Literary & Debating society of the School of Law Sharda University was officially constituted on the 25th of September 2019. The LDS aims at providing a platform for students to grow in a wholesome manner and express themselves through literature, art and debate. Currently, the Society also manages its own blog and regularly organises debates and bill discussions.

For more details visit: <https://nospopulisharda.wordpress.com>

The aims and objectives of the SUSOL LDS are as follows:

- The propagation and promotion of literary and debating activities and events.
- Creation and Management of the official SUSOL Legal Blog.
- Provides valuable opportunities for students to grow in a wholesome manner and develop better time management, analytical, public speaking, social adaptability, managerial and leadership skills.
- To enrich the relationship with other schools by organizing more joint-school activities.
- To plan, organize, regulate and oversee intra-literary activities and debating competitions, including participation in inter college/school events.

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CALL FOR PAPER

The organizers of the Competition-Cum-Seminar call upon the legal professionals, academicians, practitioners, research scholars, administrators, students, social activists and the representatives of governmental and nongovernmental organizations to present their research papers relevant to the below-mentioned themes:

- i. Farm Bills 2020: Pro or Anti Farmers' Rights?
- ii. One India, One Agricultural Market
- iii. Challenges to the Minimum Support Price, Public Procurement and Public Distribution Systems
- iv. Farm Bills 2020 and Human Rights
- v. State and Non-State Actors as guardians of Farming values and human rights

The above themes are indicative and the author can send the article on any topic related to the broad theme of the seminar

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER

- Abstract should be a maximum of 250 words indicating the theme of proposed research with five relevant keywords. The research paper should be strictly thematic.
- Full Paper must consist of minimum 2500 words and maximum 6000 words excluding references and footnotes (Descriptive footnotes and substantive text in the footnotes is not permitted).
- Footnotes must follow The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (Harvard, 19th Edition/Indian Law Institute Citation).
- Abstract and Full paper is to be submitted in soft copy in MS-Word format (Times New Roman, font size 14 for the heading, 12 for the text and 10 for the footnotes with 1.5 spacing for the text and 1.0 spacing for the footnotes).
- A separate MS-Word File should be submitted containing the article title, followed by Author's Name, Co-author's Name (if any) affiliation, communication address, email and phone details.
- Submission of a declaration stating that the work is original and bona fide.
- Only one co-author is permitted.
- Footnotes must follow any Uniform System of Citation (Harvard, 19th Edition/ Indian Law Institute Citation etc.)

PRIZES

Best Article

- Winner: Certificate & **Rs. 5000/-** Cash Prize
- Runner Up: Certificate & **Rs. 2000/-** Cash Prize

Certificates of merit to 5 best participants. Other participants/attendees shall be awarded an E-Certificate for Participation and Attendance.

REGISTRATION & SUBMISSION

Participants should submit the Abstract by 20th January and full paper latest by 30th January, 2021 along with the requisite fee @ literary.debatingsociety@sharda.ac.in.

Registration Link of the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/YL87FiEtYsad4vhY7>

REGISTRATION FEES

Professionals/Advocates & Academicians- **Rs. 100/-**

Students & Research Scholars- **Rs. 50/-**

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IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Abstract Submission & Registration: **20th January, 2021.**

Last date for submission of Full Paper: **30th January, 2021**

Schedule of prize distribution ceremony shall be shared with attendees/participants.

Contact for Queries: **9876345022**

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