



**CENTRE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY**  
*Social Change Through Public Policy*



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## **Centre for Civil Society – LawLex**

### **“COMMUNICATING FREEDOM”**

## **Essay Writing Competition**

#### **ABOUT CENTRE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY**

Centre for Civil Society advances social change through public policy. Our work in education, livelihood, and policy training promotes choice and accountability across private and public sectors. To translate policy into practice, we engage with policy and opinion leaders through research, pilot projects and advocacy. We are India’s leading liberal think tank, ranked 50 worldwide by the annual study conducted by the Think Tanks and Civil Society Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

CCS envisions a world where each individual leads a life of choice in personal, economic and political spheres and every institution is accountable. We successfully campaigned for livelihood freedom for street entrepreneurs, resulting in the passing of the Street Vendors (Regulation and Protection of Livelihood Act in March 2014. Our School Choice Campaign popularised the instrument of school vouchers in education, increasing choice and access to quality education for all.

Currently, our focus is on reshaping the school education policy landscape – shifting the focus to learning outcomes, expanding choice in education and advocating deregulation for private sector; amplifying the voice of budget private schools which are catering to the poor sections of society but face closure in the face of the RTE; enhancing choice and accountability through the CCS skill voucher model in government skilling programs; promoting livelihood freedom by facilitating effective implementation of the Street Vendors Act and creating future leaders through policy trainings and courses who will be champions of liberty in their fields going forward.

#### **ABOUT LAWLEX ORGANIZATION**

LawLex is a Research and Educational organization, the first of this kind, which is working to provide various opportunities for educational enhancement and empowerment of Law students, all over India and Abroad. We do it through Legal Awareness Programmes, Internships and Campaigns. LawLex is also a knowledge base of various events being conducted in all the Law Colleges of India and all across the globe. It is a platform for publication of peer reviewed Articles. We have working Journals on Environmental Law and IPR’s.

## **ABOUT “COMMUNICATING FREEDOM” ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION**

This essay writing competition is a joint initiative of Centre for Civil Society and LawLex Organization to encourage young minds to engage in a critical thought process and to provide them with a platform to express their opinions. The word Freedom has a very vast meaning which cannot be singularly expressed. This essay writing competitions gives you the liberty to experiment and innovate with words.

### **THEME OF THE ESSAY**

1. The current danger is that India will stretch into Centuries what took other countries only Decades: Friedman.
2. Taboos behind Low Economic growth rate of India.
3. Indian Policy: Greater Freedom or Greater Authoritarianism.
4. Is India too soft to become Economic power?
5. High speed Railway infrastructure for India: Benefits, Feasibility and Challenges.
6. Is Civil Society crossing its limits in India?
7. Right to Information and Private Sector.
8. Data privacy and UID Scheme in India.
9. The day a woman can walk freely on the roads, that day we can say that India achieved Independence : Mahatma Gandhi

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

1. Any student pursuing any undergraduate course, post graduate course or doctoral course in any recognized college or university around the world.
2. Any individual who has passed the above course can also apply.

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

1. Essays should be sent in English only.
2. Essays must be original and unpublished.
3. Copyright of the Essays shall rest with the organizers. Organizers hold the right to republish the essays in a book if required.
4. Only one submission is allowed per author.
5. Co-authored submissions will be rejected.
6. Identification mark (name or any mark which identifies the author) must not be found in any part of essay.

### **LENGTH OF THE ESSAY**

1. The submission shall consist of an abstract, essay and/or bibliography.
2. An abstract should not be more than 300 words inclusive of title and keywords.
3. The essay should not be more than 3000 words (excluding footnotes).

4. Footnotes must conform to the authoritative standard rules of legal citation and must include a description of each authority adequate enough to allow a reasonable reader to identify and locate the authority in a publication of general circulation.

#### **FORMAT REQUIREMENT**

1. Font size shall be 12 points in Times New Roman.
2. 1.5 intercellular space/line spacing.
3. A footer numbering pages as "Page a of y" on right side of each page.
4. Footnote Size 10 points

#### **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION ONLY**

1. The participants should send the following the attachments via email only.
2. Essay in MS Word format with subject "Communicating Freedom Essay Writing Competition"
3. Cover page containing Name of participant, Nationality, address, e-mail-id, contact number and name of college/university with address and class.

**Essays should be sent only to [mail.lawlex@gmail.com](mailto:mail.lawlex@gmail.com)**

## **PRIZES**

**1st Prize - Rs 4500**

**2nd Prize - Rs 3000**

**3rd Prize - Rs 1500**

**Consolation Prize - Rs 500**

# The prizes have been sponsored by Centre for Civil Society

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Last Date of Submission: 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2014 [Independence Day] 23:59 HRS**

Declaration of Result: Result will be declared in the end of August.

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