



### Letter of Invitation

Greetings from the Election Commission of India (ECI), India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), and Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), O.P. Jindal Global [Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University (*Competition Organizers*).

The ECI, the IIIDEM, and JGLS are pleased to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the "*The Election Commission of India Annual National Essay Contest on Election & Democracy*," conducted jointly by IIIDEM & JGLS, which will be conducted in both English and Hindi mediums. The objective of this essay competition is to encourage students to engage in research on the law and policy governing elections in India.

This competition seeks to promote scholarship on elections for developing and strengthening democratic institutions and electoral processes. The primary focus will be on legislative, judicial, and academic developments relating to elections. The Competition Organizers encourage students to develop independent thought, depth of knowledge, clear reasoning, critical analysis, and persuasive styles, all essential for the holistic development of individuals as thought leaders. A fine-grained understanding of election laws and processes is essential to appreciate the democratic process which is the bedrock of India's constitutional framework. The National Essay Contest on Election and Democracy invites students to reflect on field of election law and questions surrounding electoral process in a manner which transcends the confines of the university curriculum.

We have enclosed herewith guidelines, rules and regulations along with the flyer to apprise you with the details about the essay competition. These are also available at: <https://eci-essay.org/>.

It is our immense pleasure to invite the students of your esteemed Institution to participate in this National Essay Competition. We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation and your students will contribute to this competition.

Thanks and best regards,

**Prof. Dabiru Sridhar Patnaik**

**Registrar,**

**O. P. Jindal Global [Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University]**

1<sup>st</sup> Edition of

The Election Commission of India

# ANNUAL NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST on

## ELECTION & DEMOCRACY

Conducted Jointly by:

India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM)  
and Jindal Global Law School (JGLS)

TOPIC 1:

Legal Framework for  
Social Media Regulations  
During Elections

OR

TOPIC 2:

The ECI's Role in  
Protecting and Preserving  
Electoral Democracy

Release of essay topics and  
rules of the competition

2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER, 2021

Deadline for submission  
of entries

21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021  
by 11:59PM IST

### ELIGIBILITY:

**Category I:**

Full-time Under-graduate/ Graduate Degree Programme (e.g., B.A./B.B.A./B.Com. LL.B.)  
from Indian law Universities/ Institutes / Colleges recognized by the Bar Council of  
India.

**Category II:**

Full-time Post- Graduate Degree Programme (e.g., LL.M., M.Phil., Ph.D.) from Indian law Universities /  
Institutes / Colleges recognized by the Bar Council of India.

Submissions can be made in either English or Hindi. Prizes available for each category:

**First Prize**

**₹1,00,000**

**Second Prize**

**₹75,000**

**Third Prize**

**₹50,000**

\*Please refer to the website for further details.



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