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**AIR & SPACE LAW & POLICY
ESSAY COMPETITION, 2020**

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DEVELOPING A GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE BASE THROUGH A LOCAL INITIATIVE

Kalam Air and Space Law and Policy Essay Competition 2020. The pandemic (COVID-19) has interrupted all sectors of the economy and transport industry is affected the most due to the confinement restrictions imposed by various governments across the world, understandably, for a good reason as health and safety is a priority for the transport sector. Though the sector has been under tremendous financial pressure due to lack of revenues, it continues to play an important role as it provides 'essential services'. Repatriation, food and medical supplies, vaccines distribution or simply the fact that we are able to work from home today, is partly because of the investments made in space technologies over the years through satellite communications, satellite navigation and earth observation that contributed inestimably to support people and governments across the globe in these uncertain times. COVID-19 has highlighted the relevance and the potential of aviation and space sector(s) in connecting people and goods. This means from a legal and policy standpoint, the jurisprudence should evolve as we march forward.

This essay competition provides an opportunity to experienced practitioners and students to explore the challenges and opportunities in the legal and policy areas relating to aviation and space sector(s). These essays should present a rigorous examination of issues that are useful for academic purposes and also be relevant to international and regional organizations, civil aviation professionals, international and national space agencies, private operators, investors, insurers, and aviation and space consultancies.

ABOUT US

Mr. Sagar Singamsetty is the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the APJ Kalam Air and Space Law and Policy Essay Competition and Managing Director of Aerospace and Aviation Lawyers Association of India (AALAI).

The essay competition is organized by the Aerospace and Aviation Lawyers Association of India (AALAI) in collaboration with the Centre for Aerospace & Defence Laws (CADL) at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION

The soft copy of the essay must be send by email to aerospaceconference@nalsar.ac.in (one in MS Word .doc/.docx format and one in PDF) on or **before 15 February 2021**. Attach a cover letter with

the following details: Name of author(s); essay topic; contact details of the author(s), e.g., email ID and contact number. For more information on the guidelines for submission, please check [FAQs](#).

The global competition is open for students, academicians, and practitioners from different disciplines. Co-authorship to a maximum of two authors is permitted.

THEME: LEGAL AND POLICY ASPECTS THAT NEED FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUTURE VISION AND STRATEGY RELATING TO AVIATION, AND SPACE TRANSPORT SECTOR(S).

DECLARATION OF RESULTS & AWARDS

The organisers shall endeavor to declare the result of the competition by 15 April 2021. The top 3 selected essays shall receive cash prize along with a certificate: -

Winner **INR 50,000 (USD 730)**

First Runners Up **INR 30,000 (USD 435)**

Second Runners Up **INR 20,000 (USD 290)**

The top 10 selected essay entries will be published in a special issue of the Indian Journal of Air and Space Law (ISSN 2394-6091), NALSAR University of Law, India. The organizer's may invite the authors of the top 10 selected essay entries to present their essay at an International Conference on air and space law and policy that will be organised in May/June 2021.

Our 2019 Edition winners

The first edition of the essay competition had more than 60 submissions and this goes to show the interest in this niche area of law and policy. Following were the winners of the 2019 edition and received cash awards:

Keertana Venkatesh, "*Countering Cyber-Attacks in Outer Space: Challenges and Solutions in Law and Policy*".

Ishita Das, "*Bringing A Piece of Moon to Your Honey: the Legal Challenges Relating to Mining of the Lunar Resource*".

Vani Kaushik, "*Need For Revisiting the Registration Convention, 1975*".

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SUBMISSION**