



2nd SAAEW Essay Writing Competition 2026 on

COMMODIFICATION OF ANIMALS

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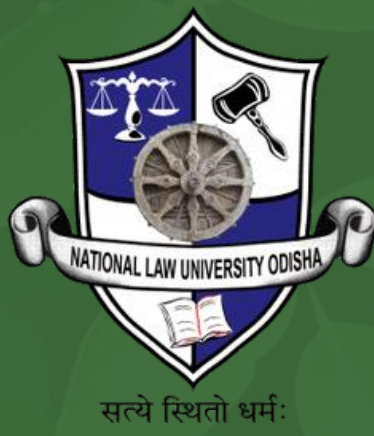


SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELFARE

National Law University Odisha



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ABOUT NLUO

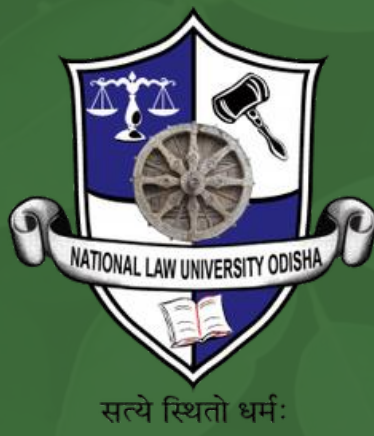
The National Law University Odisha (NLUO) was established in the year 2009 under The National Law University Orissa Act, 2008 (Act 4 of 2008) passed by the Odisha State Legislature and commenced its academic activities in the academic year 2009-10. The University has received recognition from the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 and has been receiving grants under the XIIth Plan. The degrees offered are recognised by the Bar Council of India. It is also an associate member of the UGC-INFLIBNET, and participant in the National Knowledge Network under the Ministry of Information Technology and Communication, Government of India.

ABOUT SAAEW

The Society for the Advancement of Animal and Environmental Welfare (SAAEW) was conceived in 2017 under the aegis of National Law University Odisha, Cuttack to create affirmative discourse on issues related to animal and environmental welfare. The goal of this Society is to promote greater academic discussion and create a dialogue on the marginalized rights of animals and the environment. The Society through informed dialogue aims to identify those facets of animal and environmental law which require a constant consideration in this era.



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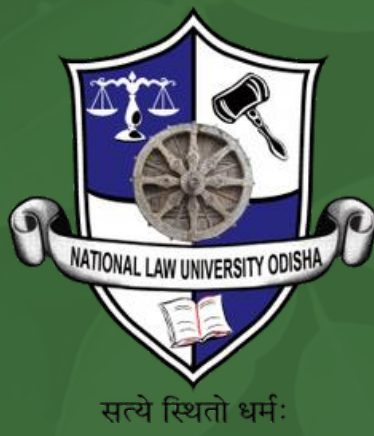
ABOUT THE COMPETITION

SAAEW at NLUO is hosting a national-level Essay Writing Competition on the theme “*The Commodification of Animals*.” Undergraduate and Post-Graduate students across India are eligible to participate in the competition. Participants may explore issues such as wildlife trafficking, exotic animal trade, captivity, private ownership of animals, commercialisation of wildlife, and the evolving legal status of animals.

The competition offers a **prize pool of ₹13,000**, along with certificates of recognition for outstanding submissions. Selected essays may also be considered for publication in the relevant University journals of NLUO, subject to their respective editorial processes. Through this initiative, SAAEW aims to foster research, academic writing, and meaningful discourse on contemporary animal welfare and rights issues.



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THEME

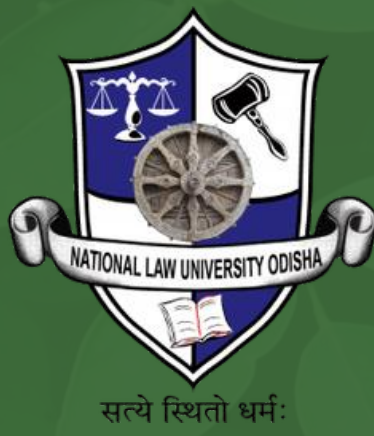
Central Theme of the Essay Writing Competition focuses on the theme “*The Commodification of Animals*”.

Indicative Sub-themes include-

- *Animals as Commodities*- Examining the legal status of animals and the limits of ownership rights, while questioning whether animals should be accorded a legal status beyond property.
- *Wildlife Trafficking and Illegal Animal Trade*- Exploring the legal and environmental consequences of the illegal wildlife market.
- *Animals in Captivity*- Exploring the welfare implications of zoos, aquariums, private collections and other forms of captivity.
- *The Pet Industry*- Addressing commercial breeding, sale and ownership of companion animals.
- *Industrial Animal Farming*- Examining animals as economic resources within large-scale meat, dairy and poultry industries.
- *Animal-Based Tourism*- Exploring the tension between wildlife tourism, economic benefits and animal welfare.
- *Biodiversity and the Commodification of Nature*- Examining how commercial exploitation of animals affects ecosystems and biodiversity.



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ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students pursuing a degree in any discipline at a recognised university, college, or institution.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Day for Registration- 15th November, 2026

Last Day for Essay Submission- 31st December, 2026

REGISTRATION

The registration for the competition is to be done through the [Google Form](#). The last date for Registration is 15th November, 2026.

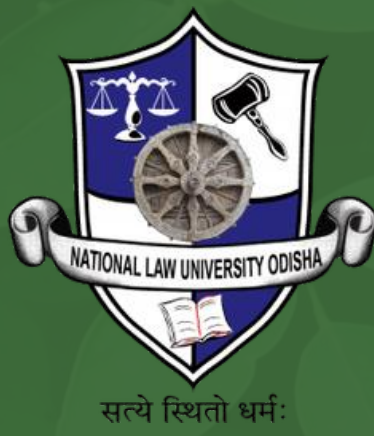
The registration fee is- ₹300 for single authorship and ₹500 for co-authorship.

SUBMISSION

Registered participants must submit their essays through the designated submission form by 31st December, 2026. The submission link will be shared with the registered email IDs. Participants must ensure that all details provided in the submission form match those submitted during registration.



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PAYMENT PROCESS

The Registration fee is payable through the **ICICI Bank Collect Facility** only. Click on this [link](#) to access the website or search “icici eazypay” and click on “<https://eazypay.icicibank.com>”

Step 1-

Enter Institution Name as ‘National Law University’ and click on ‘Go’.

Step 2-

Fill the required details such as Email id, Mobile No, Amount, etc. For the following details follow the instruction provided-

- Student Name (Enter your name)
- Roll or Enrolment No. (Enter your Roll / Enrolment number for NLUO student and enter 131 for others)
- Semester (Enter your Semester number for NLUO student and enter 11 for others)
- Purpose (SAAEW Essay Competition)

Once required data is filled in click on ‘Submit’ after enter the captcha and OTP.

Step 3-

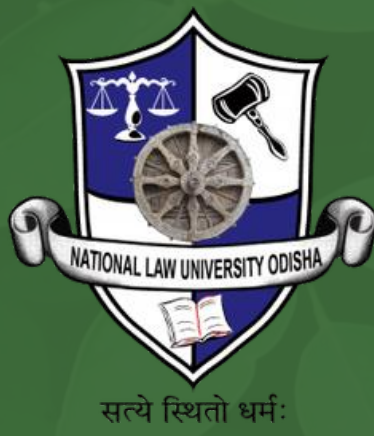
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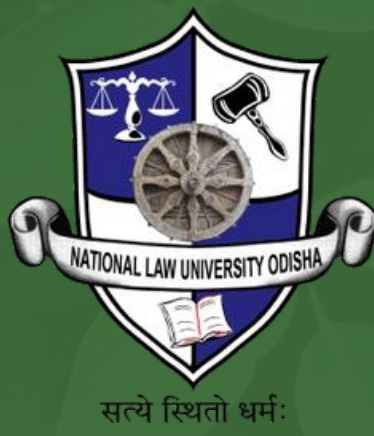


SUBMISSION GUIDELINE

1. Essays must be submitted exclusively in English.
2. Submissions must be the original work of the author(s). Any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification.
3. Essays exceeding the 10% plagiarism threshold will not be considered for the competition.
4. Previously published essays or submissions currently under consideration for publication elsewhere will be ineligible.
5. The author(s) shall be responsible for the accuracy of all facts, opinions, and views expressed in the essay.
6. Submissions must not contain any offensive, abusive, derogatory, or defamatory content.
7. The essay must be between 2,500–3,000 words, excluding footnotes.
8. The main text must be uniformly formatted throughout the submission..
9. Participants may use either Bluebook (20th Edition) or OSCOLA (4th Edition), provided the chosen citation style is followed consistently throughout.
10. Submissions must be made exclusively in PDF format and the file must be named using the first name of either one author, followed by the title of the essay (FirstName_TitleofEssay)



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AWARDS

The competition features a total prize pool of ₹13,000.

- Winner: ₹8,000 Cash Prize
- Runner-up: ₹5,000 Cash Prize

All participants will receive Certificates of Participation. The Top Five entries will be awarded Certificates of Merit and may also be considered for publication in relevant University journals of NLUO, subject to the respective editorial and review processes

CONTACT US

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