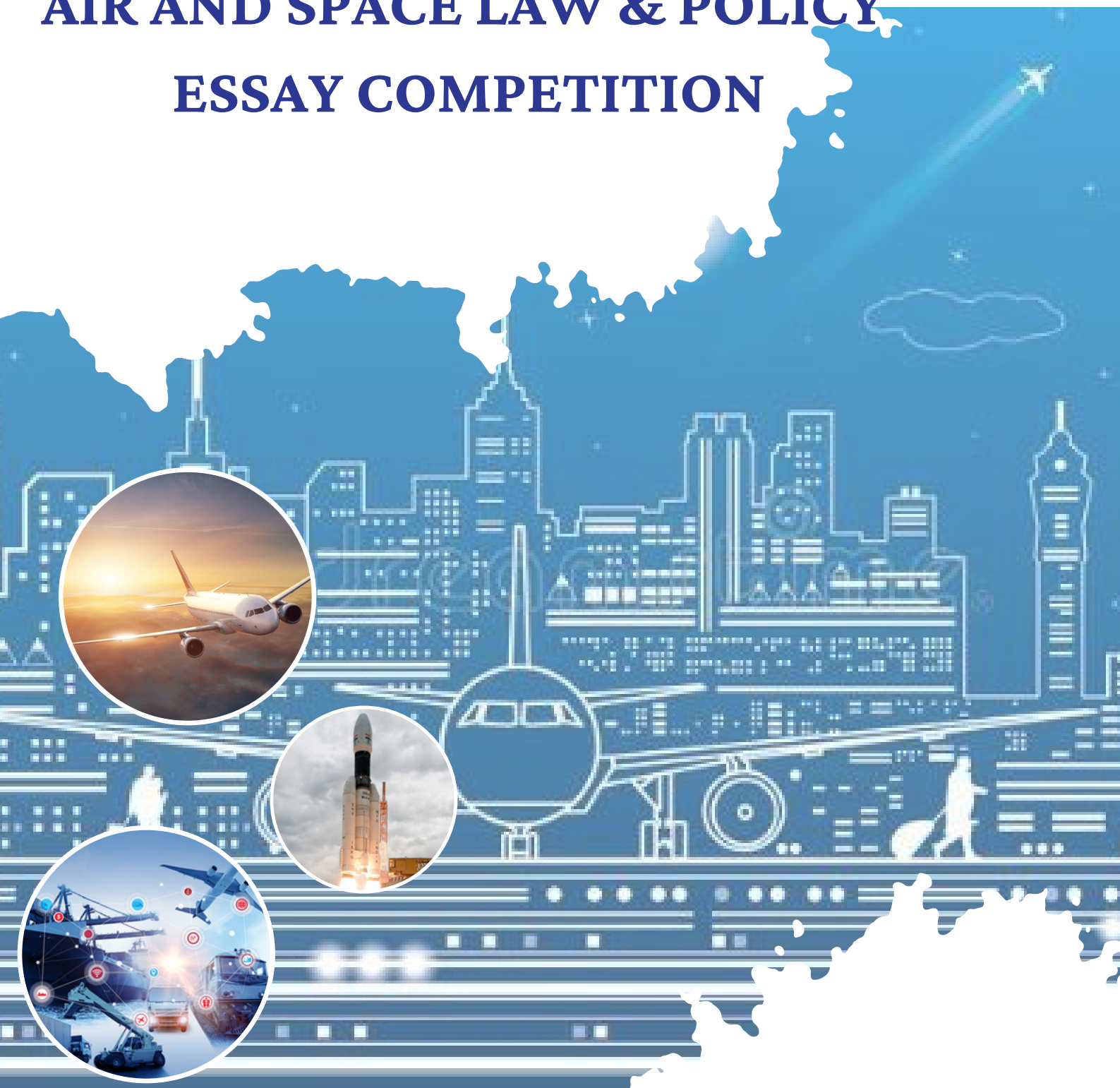


APJ ABDUL KALAM AIR AND SPACE LAW & POLICY ESSAY COMPETITION



Last date to submit: 28 February, 2023



Welcome to the Third edition of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Air and Space Law and Policy Essay Competition. Transport continues to play an important role in today's economy and society and has a large impact on growth and employment. The quality of transport services has a major impact on people's quality of life. Global crisis, including the COVID19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, have only underscored the importance of resilient transport. The pandemic triggered massive disruptions to global transport and trade supply chains and undermined the financial viability of transport operators. As the world emerges from the pandemic and absorbs the impact of the war in Ukraine, it is critical to enhance the resilience of the transport sector.

Space too is transport: orbital, sub-orbital, transfer from one orbit to the next or the travel to destinations beyond Earth's orbit. The future of space transport lies in the reduction of cost, in flexible launch rates, in environmental friendliness, in space traffic management and in the safety of space assets.

The future of transport is based on the future of air, land, water and space transport. These share the needs of being economically profitable and environmentally friendly, as well the need for secure and resilient infrastructure, vehicles and operation. COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine 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.

THEME: MEGA TRENDS IN AVIATION AND SPACE TRANSPORT SECTOR(S) – EMERGING LEGAL, REGULATORY AND POLICY ISSUES

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUBMISSION

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**](mailto:aerospaceconference@nalsar.ac.in) (one in MS Word .doc/.docx format and one in PDF) on or before **28 February 2023**.

Attach a cover letter with the following details:

Name of author(s); essay topic/title; 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.

DECLARATION OF RESULTS & AWARDS

The organisers shall endeavor to declare the result of the competition by **24 April 2023**. The top 3 selected essays shall receive cash prize along with a certificate.

Award details:

Winner	INR 50,000 (USD 600)
First Runners Up	INR 30,000 (USD 350)
Second Runners Up	INR 20,000 (USD 250)

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 2023.