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SIR B.N. RAU

NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

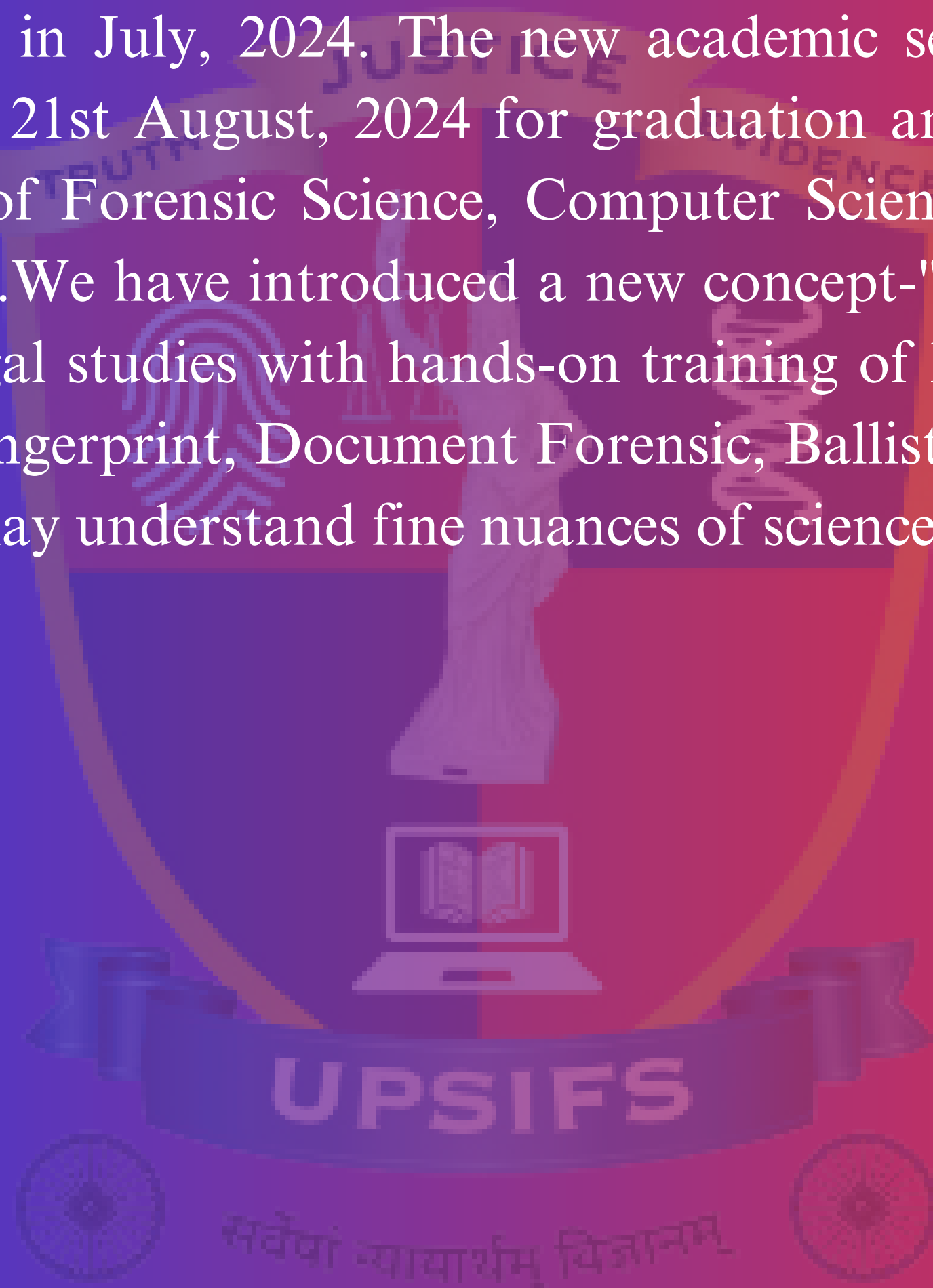
2024

TOPIC

**HARMONIOUS INTERPLAY OF FAIR TRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC
INVESTIGATION: A CONSTITUTIONAL ODYSSEY**

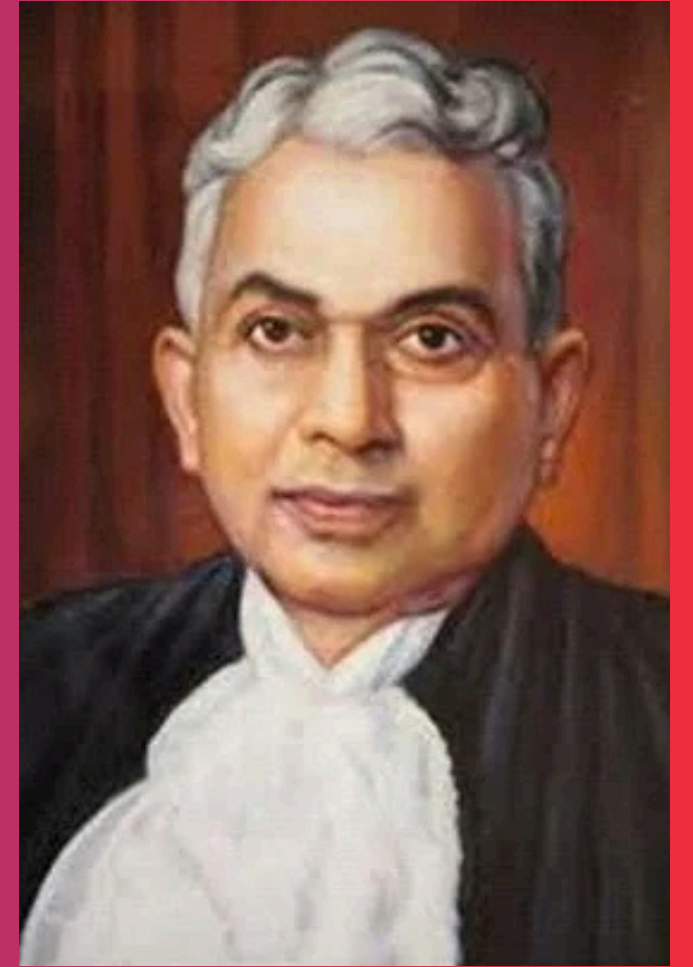
ABOUT UPSIFS

Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Science (UPSIFS), Lucknow established by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, a newly created institute spread over fifty acres of land, is a flagship project of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in March 2024. UPSIFS is under the aegis of the National Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar. The institute features world-class laboratory facilities. We have successfully completed the FirstBatch (2023-24) of 05 courses in July, 2024. The new academic session 2024-25 has commenced from 21st August, 2024 for graduation and post-graduation degrees in fields of Forensic Science, Computer Science, Cyber Security and Legal Studies. We have introduced a new concept-"LAW with LABS" for integrating legal studies with hands-on training of law students in the fields of DNA, Fingerprint, Document Forensic, Ballistics, Cyber Security etc. so that they may understand fine nuances of science and law.



ABOUT SIR B.N. RAU

Sir Benegal Narsing Rau (1887–1958) was an eminent Indian jurist, constitutional expert, and civil servant, whose contributions laid the foundation for modern India's constitutional framework. Born in Mangalore, Karnataka, Sir B. N. Rau graduated in mathematics from the University of Madras and later studied law at Trinity College, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar from the Middle Temple, London, in 1910.



Architect of India's Constitution

Sir B. N. Rau played a pivotal role in drafting the Constitution of India as the Constitutional Adviser to the Constituent Assembly. His comprehensive understanding of legal systems and constitutions worldwide was instrumental in shaping the draft Constitution. He conducted extensive comparative research on the constitutions of various nations, including those of the United States, Canada, Australia, and Ireland, ensuring that the Indian Constitution reflected a fine balance between federalism, democracy, and justice.

Legacy and Contributions

Before his work on the Constitution, Sir B. N. Rau had a distinguished career as a civil servant in the Indian Civil Service (ICS), holding several prominent positions in the British Indian administration. He served as a judge of the Calcutta High Court and as Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir from 1944 to 1945. Later, he represented India as its Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1950 to 1952, where he contributed significantly to international law and peacekeeping efforts.

Recognition

In 1938, Sir B. N. Rau was knighted in recognition of his contributions to the legal and administrative fields. His scholarly works, including his treatise on constitutional law and governance, remain essential references for legal scholars and practitioners worldwide.

Sir B. N. Rau's vision, intellect, and dedication to nation-building continue to inspire generations. This essay competition pays a tribute to his legacy, encouraging young minds to delve into socio-legal issues and contribute meaningfully to the discourse on governance and justice.

VISION OF THE COMPETITION

The 1st Sir BN Rau National Essay Writing Competition, 2024, organized by UPSIFS, Lucknow, celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the Constitution of India and the enduring spirit of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**. This landmark event honours the legacy of Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, one of India's foremost constitutional architects, and aims to inspire a deeper understanding of the harmonious relationship between law, justice, and science in the evolving landscape of criminal justice.

Open to UG, PG students of Law and Forensic Science across India, the competition revolves around the theme *'The Harmonious Interplay of Fair Trial and Scientific Investigation: A Constitutional Odyssey'*. It aims to engage participants in exploring the growing relevance of forensic science, propelled by technological advancements and the increasing complexity of criminal investigations.

This platform challenges participants to analyze the critical contributions of forensic science in upholding the principles of justice enshrined in the Constitution of India, while fostering innovative ideas for strengthening the criminal justice administration system in a rapidly changing world. Through this competition, we aim to inspire the next generation of thinkers to uphold the ideals of fairness, truth, and constitutional integrity.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

- 1. To Increase Awareness:** Encourage students and professionals to explore the roles and responsibilities of forensic experts in modern criminal investigations and their impact on legal proceedings.
- 2. To Enhance Research Skills:** Provide an opportunity for students to conduct detailed research and analyze the integration of forensic science into criminal justice.
- 3. To Promote Analytical Thinking:** Foster critical thinking as students reflect on the advancements, challenges, and ethical considerations within forensic science.
- 4. To Develop Writing Competency:** Offer students a platform to strengthen their academic writing, research, and argumentation skills through structured essay writing.

ELIGIBILITY

Students currently enrolled in any undergraduate or postgraduate courses in regular mode programme in any recognized Law School / College / University in India may make a submission.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

1. 1st PRIZE- Rs.10,000
2. 2nd PRIZE- Rs. 7,000
3. 3rd PRIZE- Rs. 5,000
4. Three Consolation Prize of Rs.2500 each

Note: All the participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Individuals wishing to participate must fill out the online registration form provided at the end of this post.
- Last day to Register is 10th January, 2025, and late entries will not be considered.
- A non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 250 must be paid online before submitting the form.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Date of Registration: 10th January, 2025
- Last Date of Submission: 12th January, 2025
- Result Declaration: 26th January, 2025

ESSAY SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Co-authorship is not permitted.
- Word limit: 2500-3000 words, excluding the Footnotes
- Font style – Times New Roman
- Font size – 14 for Headings, 12 for Body, 10 for Footnotes
- Line Spacing – 1.5 for Body, 1.0 for Footnotes
- Citation Style – OSCOLA
- Margins – 1 inch (i.e., 2.54 cm) on each side
- Note: Speaking footnotes are allowed in the submissions but are not mandatory. If included, they should be limited to a maximum of 50 words each.
- The plagiarism limit is 10% following UGC Guidelines. Proven instances of plagiarism and use of Artificial Intelligence will result in immediate disqualification.
- Any subsequent publication of the articles after the announcement of results will require prior approval from the organizers.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- An Evaluation Committee shall be constituted to review all the Articles submitted by the Participants.
- The decision of the Evaluation Committee shall be final and binding.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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