

## ENSAYO 2014

The 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014 marked the coming together of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Regional Delegation for South Asia, New Delhi to felicitate the winners of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> editions of ENSAYO, the annual essay writing competition coupled with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the ICRC along with the 65 years of the Geneva Convention.

ENSAYO is an essay writing competition on diverse sub-themes within the larger purview of International Humanitarian Law and is marked by overwhelming participation of students from across South Asia. The theme for the 2013 edition- 'Moving Beyond the Rhetoric: New Global and Domestic Challenges of Enforcement in International Humanitarian Law'- as also the broader notion of 'International Humanitarian Law: Prospects and Challenges' (2014) emerges from the realization that the 21<sup>st</sup> century has failed to prove to be any different from the previous one since the global landscape continues to be riddled with conflict; given this scenario, the need for global, regional and domestic activism can hardly be undermined.

The occasion was marked by the eminent presence of Dr. (Prof.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, RGNUL and the Chief Guest at the occasion; Dr. (Prof.) G.I.S. Sandhu, Registrar, RGNUL; Dr. Anuradha Saibaba, Academic Programmes, ICRC and Mr. Sahadeo Rawoot, Economic Security Programme Responsible, ICRC. The significance of the maintenance and further development of International Humanitarian Law was elucidated upon and the focus of the competition on quality and transparency was commended by all present.

Finally, the winners were awarded with cash prizes of Rs. 25,000 (Henry Durant prize), 15,000 and 10,000 respectively for having secured the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions. The 2013 edition was won by Ishani Dash. Manas Apurva and Jhanvi Pandey while the 2014 edition was marked by the exemplary performance of Ananya Kumar Singh, Medhaka Fernando and Shubhendu Mishra. The vote of thanks delivered by the Programme Co-ordinator, Dr. Sangeeta Taak, followed by an address by the winners as to their experience, brought the eventful ceremony to a close.