

# **ICCR's Essay Competition for International Scholars in India**

ICCR announces an Essay Competition for foreign students studying in India.

**Topics** (participants will have to write upon only one from the following):-

- 1) Development of Democracy in India;**
- 2) Contribution of spiritual leaders in development of India;**
- 3) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Education and its future in India.**
- 4) India's G-20 Presidency – Importance & Impact.**

## **Eligibility**

- The competition is open to all international students studying in India at present below the age of 35.

**Registration** – Free for all eligible (as above)

**Process for Registering & Submission of Essay:** Will be done on the link provided at ICCR's website/Social media handles. First click on the "Register Now" tab appearing on the home page and register for the competition. After registering/signing you have to log in into your account where you have to upload your detailed information along with the required documents (Photo, Copy of Passport, Bonafide certificate) and submit your essay (only in PDF format not exceeding 2 MB). Participant is to fill the correct and true information and upload the authentic documents, In case of particulars are found to be incorrect subsequently, that registration shall be cancelled. .

## **Timeline**

Registration & Submission of Essay – **1-30 January 2023** (1800 hrs IST)

Declaration of result – **15 February 2023 (tentative)**

## **Rules and Regulations**

1. All entries must be written in English and signed by the participant. It should be uploaded along with the registration form (point 5 below)
2. Entries must be the original work of the participant and must not have been submitted to any other competition organised by any other organisation or been previously published.
3. Submissions should not exceed 1200 words and **should be 1.5 spaced, in Arial font, size 12 , on A4-size paper with all pages numbered.**
4. The participant name should not appear anywhere in the abstract and in the main essay.
5. Essays are to be submitted/uploaded only in PDF form adhering to the size given at the time of upload. The deadline for essay submissions is **30.01.2023** (1800 hrs IST) No late submissions will be accepted.

6. All essays will undergo a review process and will be assessed in confidence by an independent panel of judges based on original insight and ideas, clarity of expression, effective communication of ideas and well substantiated concepts and arguments.
7. By submitting to ICCR essay competition, it is agreeing to allow the organisers publish your essay in print and online.
8. Decisions made by the panel of judges shall be final. The judging panel reserves the right not to award any or all of the prizes. Only winning participants will be contacted upon finalisation of the results.

### **Prize will be awarded**

The following awards will be given to the winning essays

**1st Prize 25,000/-**

**2nd Prize 20,000/-**

**3rd Prize 15,000/-**

The above prizes shall be awarded to foreign students from each of the following 5 Zones:-

- i) Asia/Eurasia
- ii) Americas & Europe
- iii) Oceania
- iv) Africa
- v) Neighboring Countries (Afghanistan, China, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Maldives & Sri-Lanka)

### **Presentation**

**Charts, graphs, tables and infographics may not be used.**

Essays must be in English and **should be 1.5 spaced, in Arial font, size 12 , on A4-size paper with all pages numbered**. The limit of the words should be between 1000-1200 words.

### **Originality**

The essay should be original, and be well researched and informed based on the topic. Entries found to contain plagiarism will automatically be disqualified.

Although essays may draw references from existing works, but they should be materially different from them in terms of analysis, style of arguments and perspectives. This could involve the application of previous works in a different context, or using new/different arguments, or applying new analysis or perspectives that significantly differ from previous works. A bibliography acknowledging references to existing works is required. It will be the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the composition submitted is original and plagiarism free.

## **Submission**

Entries should be submitted latest by 30 January 2023.

- The organisers bear no responsibility for any entries which fail to reach the organisers by the stated deadline.
- Late entries will not be entertained.
- It is reiterated again that the decision of jury/panel will be final and no queries/communication on the same would be entertained in any circumstances.
- If no entry, in any of the zones is found suitable, the award for that zone will not be disbursed.

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