



## ALL-INDIA ESSAY WRITING EVENT 2010



### An Invitation to the Youth

This year in commemoration of UN International Year of Youth, SRCM, in partnership with the UN information center for India and Bhutan presents the All-India Essay Writing Event 2010. In a year dedicated to YOU, we invite YOU the youth to come forward and express your thoughts and ideas on these topics, designed to give you a unique opportunity for introspection and self assessment.

### Topics

Theme for the All India Essay Writing Event 2010: **Youth: A Time of Promise and for Effort**

#### Category 1 [Class 6 to 9]: Character Protects Life [Word Limit : 750 words]

##### Points to Ponder

- P B Fitzwater once said "Character is the sum and total of one's choices. "What then is the surest way to choose rightly?
- Youth is a period in life ridden with temptations that interfere with one's ability to tell right from wrong. Character is the wall that youth must build around itself to protect against the onslaught of temptation.

#### Category 2 [Class 10 to 12]: Freedom does not mean License, but the wisdom to Choose what is right for Oneself. [Word Limit : 1000 words]

##### Points to Ponder

- Freedom, a word often misunderstood has long been the crux of the conflict between generations. Since time immemorial, youth have appeared to advocate change through an unconditional license to have their way, often appearing to, in the process undervalue the importance of control and guidance.
- Can Freedom be viewed independent of responsibility? What then is the true meaning of freedom when viewed from the perspective of responsibility towards oneself?

#### Category 3 [UG and PG] : From Ambition to Aspiration, From Acquiring to Becoming [Word Limit : 1000 words]

##### Points to Ponder

- Ambition, and its predominant theme of acquisition, is being touted as the new ideal of an increasingly materialistic world. Prescribed as an indispensable prerequisite for 'success' it has long erased the virtue of Aspiration from the minds of our youth.
- Characterized by a subtle yet firm will to achieve or become, Aspiration advocates the pursuit of excellence as opposed to mere success.
- Can Ambition and Aspiration be seen as diametrically opposite manifestations of the souls need to evolve? Which one then truly defines the human spirit?

### Recognition

National, Regional and School-Level prizes will be awarded.

### Rules and Guidelines:

- All willing students from an institution may submit their entries to the school authorities by August 31, 2010. The school will be required to select the top 5 entries per category and submit the same to the SRCM representative on or before September 20, 2010 along with a list of all participants.
- All entries must be on A4 size sheets written in black or blue ink only. Submitted entries must bear No score or marks. Students should refrain from making illustrations of any kind.
- Students are permitted and encouraged to read and research the topics. All submitted pieces must nonetheless be the original work of the student and any references or quotations therein must be duly acknowledged.

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