



ALL INDIA ESSAY WRITING EVENT 2018

Organized by
SHRI RAM CHANDRA MISSION
in collaboration with
UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTRE FOR INDIA AND BHUTAN
And
HEARTFULNESS EDUCATION TRUST

Shri Ram Chandra Mission is a non-profit educational and spiritual service organization. It promotes heart-based living through meditation as a means to universal peace and harmony. It is one of 1600 NGOs associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information. The All India Essay Writing Event is the flagship event of the partnership between the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan (UNIC) and Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM) . Under a collaborative initiative called Heartfulness Way S-Connect , SRCM and The Heartfulness Education Trust have developed educational programs for youth aimed at bringing about an understanding and acceptance of universal human values. A program for training of teachers to enable them for delivery of Heartfulness Way education has also been launched. These programs are also being offered by SRCM to schools, besides the Essay Writing Event .

An Invitation to the Youth

Youth is a time of possibilities. It is a period in life filled with opportunities waiting to be realized, provided we are prepared. While education helps us to develop our physical and intellectual capabilities to their optimum extent, and prepares us to thrive in a competitive world, there is one aspect of our development that does not often receive the attention due to it – the development of our inner Being. Without the synchronous development of body, mind and heart our evolution as human beings remains incomplete. It is therefore balance in addition to excellence that the youth must strive for – the balance between mind and heart, the outer and the inner, between thinking and feeling. Through the All India Essay Writing Event, we invite you to tap into your inner space, tune in to the soft voice of the heart that never fails to guide and inspire and, express in words your feelings on the topic. We encourage you thus to begin the practice of referring to the heart early in life.

Topics

Category 1 [Classes 9 to 12] Word Limit 600

There is a wisdom of the head, and a wisdom of the heart - Charles Dickens

Category 2 [UG and PG] Word Limit 750

A mind all logic is like a knife all blade. It makes the hand bleed that uses it. - Rabindranath Tagore

LANGUAGES OFFERED : Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu.

Rules and Guidelines

- The institution will need to register their participation.**
- In each State 2 or 3 language options will be offered which are locally relevant, out of the approved 11 languages. To find out about the option of languages offered to a participating institution, the students need to check with Essay Event Coordinator of their institution. State wise list attached.
- All eligible and willing candidates from a participating institution must be allowed to participate and submit their entries to the institution's designated authorities by **August 12, 2018**. The institution shall then select the **top 5**

essays in each language. **All essays along with a complete list of participants** in the prescribed format, to be submitted to the SRCM representative by **August 25, 2018**.

- d. All entries must be on A4 size sheets. Essays may be hand written in black or blue ink or computer typed in black in Calibri script in respect of essays in English and relevant script in respect of essays in regional language and Font size 12. All entries must have the prescribed Participant Information Slip firmly attached to them. The participant must write the number of words on the last page and sign at the bottom of each page. Submitted entries must not bear any score or marks awarded at the institution level evaluation.
- e. 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. Plagiarism from books or internet may not be viewed favorably.
- f. There are two categories of participation and students must necessarily write on the topics given for their applicable category only.
- g. The word limit for Category 1 is 600 and category 2 is 750 and must be strictly adhered to. Students must refrain from making illustrations/sketches of any kind.

To fulfill the purpose of this Event, the essay must reflect the participant's personal understanding of the topic based partly on some of his or her own experiences. Essays based entirely on material culled from books and Internet are not desirable.

Essays must be submitted by participants to their school/ college coordinator. The institution authorities need to submit or despatch the essays to our local representative :

For clarifications or any other help please write to us at: essayevent@srcm.org

Prizes in each Category:

National Level: Top ten essays, written in **ENGLISH and HINDI**

State Level: Upto Top Ten essays in Regional Language (if applicable) in addition to essays in English and Hindi

Institution Level: From amongst participants of each institution, a Certificate of Merit will be awarded to the two top essays from each of the two or three languages, in both categories.

Certificate of Participation : E-certificates will be awarded to all certified participants whose list is forwarded by the institution.

Students may be required to undertake a telephonic interview to qualify for the final award. The Evaluation team will have the discretion to award or disqualify the essays received

Both the National and State level prize winners will be awarded certificates signed by the Director of the UNIC and the President of SRCM.

Important Dates

Last date for submission of essays by participants to their institution authorities : August 12, 2018

Last date for submission of selected essays by institutions to SRCM coordinators: **August 25, 2018**.

Declaration of results: **December 2018**