

Essay Writing Competition

Terms and Conditions

1. The competition is open for school students of classes 8th – 10th; 11th & 12th and college students (under graduation) of India only.
2. All entries must be submitted on www.mygov.in. Entries submitted through any other medium/mode would not be considered for evaluation.
3. A participant can send one entry only. In case it is found that any participant has submitted more than one entry, all the entries will be considered as invalid.
4. The entry should be original. Copied entries will not be considered under the contest.
5. The participant must be the same person who has written the write-up and plagiarism would not be accepted.
6. Please note that the Essay must be original and should not violate any provision of the Indian Copyright Act, 1957.
7. Anyone found infringing on others' copyright would be disqualified from the competition. Government of India does not bear any responsibility for copyright violations or infringements of intellectual property carried out by the participants.
8. Mention of the author's name/emails, etc. anywhere in the body of the essay will lead to disqualification.
9. Entry must be submitted in clear, readable and downloadable **PDF format only**.
10. Participants are to make sure that their **MyGov Profile** is accurate and updated since Ministry of Health & Family Welfare would be using this for further communication.
11. Participants are required to fill and share the **Participant Form** which includes details such as name, photo, complete postal address, email ID, phone number (mobile), class, school/college name and address of the school/college.
12. Participants are to make sure that they share both their entry and Participant Form. Entries with incomplete profiles would not be considered.

13. MoHFW reserves the right to cancel or amend all or any part of the Competition and/ or the Terms & Conditions/Technical Parameters/ Evaluation Criteria.
14. Any dispute or any issue related to this competition would be decided by MoHFW, which will be final and binding.

AWARDS

- The best entries from each category received from all States/UTs will be reviewed by a National Committee constituted by Tobacco Control Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- The announcement of awardees will be done with cash prizes as per the following details;

Cash Prize	Unit	Category
Rs. 25,000/- (1 st)	1 st , II nd and III rd in each category at National level	1. 8 th
Rs. 20,000/- (II nd)		2. 9 th
Rs. 15,000/- (III rd)		3. 10 th
		4. 11 th & 12 th
		5. College students (under graduation)

Certificate of Participation will be given to the genuine entries and which follows the terms and conditions given for the competition. The certificate will be sent through email only and a hard copy will not be issued. Therefore all the participants are required to provide their email address correctly.

- No requests relating to claims of re-evaluation of the entries will be considered.
- The decision of the committee will be final and binding to all the entries.
- At any stage of evaluation, if an entry is found to violate the guidelines, the entry will be removed from evaluation process without giving any intimation.
