

# **INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**

**School of Sciences (SOS)**

in collaboration with

**National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education (NCIDE)**

**Regional Services Division (RSD)**

**&**

**Regional Centre, Kolkata**

**National Science Day Programme 2023**

## **ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION**

The National Science Day is celebrated all over India on 28th of February every year to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by the Indian physicist, Sir C. V. Raman in the year 1928. The School of Sciences (SOS) in collaboration with National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education (NCIDE), Regional Services Division (RSD), IGNOU and Regional Centre Kolkata is glad to announce an essay writing competition as part of the National Science Day celebration and invites students and alumni to participate in this essay writing competition with any one of the following sub-themes:

**Theme:** Science, Technology and Innovation for National Development

### **Sub-Thematic areas**

- No poverty/ Zero hunger
- Good health and well being
- Clean water and sanitation
- Sustainable cities and community/ sustainable agriculture
- Affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy

### **Eligibility**

The contest is open to all IGNOU learners and alumni. Enrolment number must be mentioned on each entry. All entries should be submitted on an individual basis. No shared work is allowed.

### **Entry Limit**

Only one essay per student.

### **Entry Deadline**

Entries must be submitted to the Regional Centre, Kolkata IGNOU by Wednesday, **February 15, 2023.**

## **Word Limit**

The essay should be within 2000-2500 words in handwritten or typed. It should not exceed the word limit or else, would lead to disqualification.

## **Medium of Essay**

The essays can be submitted in any Indian language including English.

## **Prizes for the best entries**

- Top 3 (three) entries at each Regional Centre to receive a Certificate of Merit.
- Certificate of participation for each entry will be given by Regional Centre, Kolkata.

## **Guidelines**

1. The competition is open for learners and alumni of IGNOU.
2. Each participant can send only one entry.
3. The entry should be original. Entries copied from any source will not be considered under the contest.
4. Please note that the Essay must be original and should not violate Copyright Act. Any kind of plagiarism or any explicit content in the essay shall not be entertained at any cost and the participant will be disqualified. Self-declaration of originality of essay should be attached with the essay.
5. No requests relating to claims of re-evaluation of the entries will be considered.
6. The decision of the committee will be final and binding to all the entries.
7. 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.
8. The essay should be in the following format:

**Title of the essay.....Sub theme of the essay.....**

The essay should contain the following components:

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) Description of the issues/problems pertaining to the sub thematic area
- (iii) Role of S&T in addressing these issues/problems
- (iv) Innovative interventions in these areas
- (v) S&T enabled way forward
- (vi) Conclusion

**In case of any queries, mail at: [seminarsos@ignou.ac.in](mailto:seminarsos@ignou.ac.in) or [ncide@ignou.ac.in](mailto:ncide@ignou.ac.in), [rckolkata@ignou.ac.in](mailto:rckolkata@ignou.ac.in)**

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**CERTIFICATE OF ORIGINALITY**

**(To be attached with the Essay)**

This is to certify that the entry submitted by me is my original work and has not been copied from anywhere. Also, I authorise IGNOU to use it for any academic purposes.

**Date:**

**Name:**

**Programme:**

**Enrolment No.:**

**Regional Centre: Kolkata**