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**ESSAY COMPETITION-CUM-YOUNG SCHOLARS' SEMINAR**

In order to encourage the Young Scholars of the country to reflect on Philosophical issues, the Council holds an Essay Competition-cum-Young Scholars' Seminar every year. This year, the theme of the Competition is "**The Idea of India**" Young scholars in the age group of 20-25 years (born between 30.9.1990 to 30.9.1995) may send their essays typed in English or Hindi consisting of about 3000 words on one side of 21X30 cm. size paper on the above theme.

The essays will be evaluated by three judges independently. Evaluating of the essays will be done on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Logical and systematic analysis of the Theme;
2. Relevance of the subject under reference within the context of contemporary thought;
3. Impartial elucidation of issues, briefly and pointedly;
4. Constructive, creative and synthetic approach to issues without prejudice or bias of any kind.

Interested participants may submit their essays along with prescribed format approximately filled with required attachments to:

**The Programme Officer**  
**Academic Centre**  
**Indian Council of Philosophical Research**  
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The last date for receipt of essays is **30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.**

On the basis of evaluation, 25-35 competitors will be invited to participate in a seminar to be organized by the Council. The competitors shall present their papers in the seminar and take part in the discussion on the papers. The final award shall be decided on the basis of the quality of the essay and the participation in the seminar.

The ICPR will make arrangements for the boarding and lodging for the young Scholars participating in the seminar.

The final decision for the awards will be on the basis of the overall performance of the participants in the seminar.

**First Prize - Rs. 25,000**  
**Second Prize - Rs. 20,000**  
**Third Prize - Rs. 15,000**

The decision of the panel of experts with regard to the evaluation of essays and the selection of the prize winners will be final and no appeal for reassessment will be entertained.

Dr. Sushim Dubey  
(Programme Officer)

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**Essay-Competition-cum Young Scholar's Seminar**

On

**“The Idea of India”**

1. Name :

2. Address for correspondence :

(In capital letters)

3. Mobile & Tel. Nos. :

4. Email ID :

5. Age as on : Date of Birth

[with copy of age proof Certificate (High School or Higher Secondary)]

6. Sex :

7. Nationality:

8. Qualification :

9. Name of the affiliated University/College/Institution if any:

10. **A self certificate -** “**This** is to be certified that Essay entitled “The Idea of India” is my original writing and is not given for publication or published anywhere.

Date:

(Signature of applicant)

**11. A Certificate from Institution** – “This is to be certified that (candidate's name)..... is a bonafide student of .....Institution/College and to the best of my knowledge has written essay by himself/herself.”

Date:

(Seal with signature of the forwarding authority)

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Filling up all points/columns are mandatory, Incomplete application, in any respect, is liable to be rejected.