

About Varnan

Varnan - 1st National Essay Writing Competition is an initiative of Orpheus Sabha Foundation to provide passionate writers and creative thinkers with an online platform to showcase their perspective.

We aim to provide a level playing field to aspiring writers of all backgrounds, across the spectrum.

Varnan is more than just a competition. It aims to offer the opportunity to hone your skill and share ideas at a national level.

Pen your power and shape the world, one Varnan at a time.



Orpheus Sabha Foundation Presents

VARNAN

First National Essay Writing Competition

Relevant Information

- Medium: **Online**
- Theme: **Bharat@100 - Envisaging India as an Economic Superpower.**
- Cash prize pool up to **INR 1,52,000.**
- Last Day of Registration: **Feb 20, 2025**
- Submission Date: **Feb 28, 2025**





About Orpheus Sabha Foundation

Orpheus Sabha Foundation is a not for profit company. We seek to give the youth a chance and platform to express their views, hone their research skills, develop their public speaking abilities, and be part of a community that is holistic, inclusive and diverse. Orpheus has always been dedicated to providing a vibrant platform for public speaking, stimulating discussions, and fostering essential debating skills. Our best interest lies in helping the leaders of tomorrow, that is India's promising youth, broaden their sphere of knowledge and equip themselves with skills such as strategy-making, negotiation, decision-making, and diplomacy.

Orpheus Sabha Foundation has proudly made significant strides in empowering India's youth by creating platforms that foster intellectual growth and skill development. In February-May 2024, we successfully organized the first edition of **Neeti**—a National Policy Drafting Competition—in collaboration with the Drishtikon Committee of NLU Visakhapatnam. This pioneering event, which attracted over 150 teams from across the country, served as a distinctive forum for students to demonstrate their policy analysis and drafting acumen.

Following this success, in September 2024, we hosted **Vaktrita**, the 1st National Moot Court Competition. This landmark event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 135 teams, comprising over 400 budding legal minds. Designed to simulate real-world challenges, Vaktrita provided an inclusive platform for aspiring lawyers to hone their advocacy, negotiation, and strategic skills, breaking barriers and promoting equal opportunities.

These initiatives reflect our unwavering commitment to nurturing the leaders of tomorrow through innovation, inclusivity, and excellence.

THEME: Bharat@100 - Envisaging India as an Economic Superpower



About Theme

TOPICS :

- **Engineering:** "The Role of Engineering Innovations in Driving India's Economic Growth: Infrastructure, Technology, and Sustainability"
- **Medical** - "Healthcare's Contribution to India's Economic Development: The Role of the Medical Sector in Building a Productive Workforce"
- **Law** - "Legal Reforms and Economic Growth: Strengthening India's Business Environment through Effective Legislation"
- **Social Sciences** - "Social Development as a Pillar of Economic Growth: Education, Gender Equality, and Rural Empowerment in India's Economic Transformation"

Accolades

1st to 5th Prizes:

- **1st Prize: ₹21,000**
- **2nd Prize: ₹17,000**
- **3rd Prize: ₹15,000**
- **4th Prize: ₹13,000**
- **5th Prize: ₹11,000**

6th to 10th Prizes:

₹7,000 Each

11th to 15th Prizes:

₹5,000 Each

16th to 20th Prizes:

₹3,000 Each

Moreover,

- Participation certificates to all the participants.
- Letter of Recommendation to Top 10 participants.
- Certificate Of Merit for 21st to 30th Rank.

Registration Fee

Early Bird Offer (Till Jan 20, 2025)

- Individual - INR 250
- Team of Two - INR 300

Regular Registrations

- Individual - INR 300
- Team of Two - INR 350

Eligibility & Team Composition

Participation is welcomed from the students enrolled or graduated in a **UG/PG** program in a recognized College/University.

Individuals or a team of 2 members may register for the competition.

TimeLine

- Registration Opens - Dec 12, 2024
- Early Bird Ends - Jan 20, 2025
- Registration Closes - Feb 20
- Submission - Feb 28, 2025
- Results - April 10, 2025

General Instructions

- Mode of the Competition: **Online.**
- Language: The competition will be conducted in English.
- Any participant's request to postpone the registration date will not be considered.
- File submission is to be made in **both Docx & PDF formats.**
- Submission made by the participant by Google form which shall be sent to their email IDs.
- **50% similarity of two or more drafts will lead to the disqualification** the participants from the competition.
- The participants would hold all the rights over their draft after the competition ends.
- Non-adherence of any of the guidelines may lead to disqualification of the participants.

Formatting

1. The Essay submitted must contain the following:
 - **Essay Title: A creative title apt with the body of the submission**
 - **Topic Chosen: Must mention the topic chosen out of the provided list of topics**
2. The main text must be in:
 - Times New Roman
 - Size 12
 - Line spacing - 1.5
 - No paragraph spacing
 - One-inch margin on each side, and the alignment of the text should be justified.
3. Footnotes must be in:
 - Times New Roman
 - Size 10
 - Single Line Spacing
4. Page numbers must be given in the Essay.
5. The Essay shall not exceed word limit of **3000 words** (excluding citations).
6. File should not contain any detail of Participant, except team code.
7. The cover page of the submission should include the title of the essay, the topic chosen along with the team code on top right side of the cover page.
8. The content of the essay should be original and not plagiarized (**15% limit**), or there shall be a deduction of 1 mark each for every percent or can lead to disqualification. The decision of the organizers shall be final.

Meet Team Varnan

- Vakula Giri
- Aryan Kashyap
- Anshika Arya
- Atikant Chauhan
- Shanmitha Bhogadi
- Amarveer Kaur

- Sumana Krovvidi
- Pasupula Sindhu
- Chatla Mikel
- Ruwa Muneer Ahmed
- Prachi Sharma

Registration

TO REGISTER,

- Scan the Code



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