

The Department of Microbiology, Ram Lal Anand College organized an Essay Writing Competition to celebrate the Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav in August and September 2021.

The competition was open to all students of the college and the notice was published on the college website for the benefit of the students. Students were given four topics to choose from:

- (1) Indian Science at 75
- (2) Climate Change - A Threat to Humanity
- (3) Future of Fourth Generation Biofuels, and
- (4) Role of Microbes in Food Preservation and could submit their entries in either Hindi or English language.

The Department received 15 submissions from students across various disciplines. Dr. Sunila Hooda and Dr. Shalini Swami graciously agreed to serve as the judges for the competition, and awarded points to each essay on originality, content, flow, and expression.

Since the competition was very tough, the judges decided to award a special prize as well apart from the first, second, and third positions.

- Abhilash Jeas George from B.Sc (H) Microbiology, III year won the first prize for his essay on Climate Change - A Threat to Humanity.
- Saumya Samridhi from B.Sc (H) Microbiology, II year was awarded the second prize for her essay on Indian Science at 75.
- Neha Sunil Tarate from B.Com (P), II year bagged the third prize for her essay on Climate Change - A Threat to Humanity.
- Shelja Agarwal (B.Sc. (H) Microbiology II year) received Judges' Special Recognition for her essay on Indian Women at the Frontiers of Science and Technology.

The winners were felicitated with certificates of award and cash prizes, while all participants were given certificates of participation. In all, the event was a resounding success. The results were announced via email to all participants and they were encouraged to continue developing their writing skills and participating in such capability building competitions.

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Essay Writing Competition

☰ Topics

1. Indian Science at 75 | आज़ादी के 75 वर्ष और भारतीय विज्ञान
2. Climate Change – A Threat to Humanity | पर्यावरण में बदलाव - मानवता को एक खतरा
3. Future of Fourth Generation Biofuels | चौथी पीढ़ी के जैव ईंधनो का भविष्य
4. Role of Microbes in Food Production | खाद्य उत्पादन में सूक्ष्म जीवों की भूमिका
5. Indian Women at the Frontiers of Science and Technology | भारतीय महिलाओं की विज्ञान और तकनीकी के क्षेत्र में भूमिका



Guidelines

1. All students from Ram Lal Anand College are invited to participate.
2. Essay can be written in either Hindi or English. Word limit: 1000 - 1500 words
3. Any form of plagiarism would result in disqualification
4. Only one entry is allowed per student. Students must submit their entries typed on word file with A4 size page layout and in MLA referencing style
5. Word file should be named as <Topic_Student Name_Roll No_Course Name (Semester)>
E.g.: Indian Science at 75_John Doe_1234_B.Sc (H) Microbiology (IV).docx
6. All entries must be emailed to sudhachaudhry.mic@rla.du.ac.in before Noon, 15th September, 2021 with subject as "Essay Writing Competition"



Prizes

1. Cash prizes for top three essays
2. Shortlisted essays will be published in college magazine
3. Results will be declared by 30th September, 2021



Essay Writing Competition - Results



1st Place*

Abhilash Jeas George

V Sem, B.Sc (H) Microbiology; Climate Change - A Threat to Humanity



2nd Place*

Saumya Samridhi

III Sem, B.Sc (H) Microbiology; Indian Science at 75



3rd Place

Neha Sunil Tarate

III Sem, B.Com (P); Climate Change - A Threat to Humanity



Special Recognition*

Shelja Agarwal

III Sem, B.Sc (H) Microbiology; Indian Women at the Frontiers of Science and Technology

Congratulations to the winners!

Thanks to Dr. Sunila Hooda and Dr. Shalini Swami for graciously serving as the judges for the competition

*Top entries in each category recommended for publication in the College Magazine