

## **Gurutsav 2014 MHRD Guidelines | Essay Writing Competitions for Gurutsav 2014**

Gurutsav 2014 - MHRD Guidelines - Essay Writing Competitions for Gurutsav 2014. This year, in order to combine the voice of the entire student community in thanking their teachers on the Eve of Teachers Day on 5th Sep, the MHRD has decided to organize an Essay Writing Competition for gratefully acknowledging the role teachers play in our lives by the event called Gurutsav 2014. MHRD released Guidelines for the Essay Writing Competition for Gurutsav 2014 and they are given below.

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1. The Ministry, therefore, announces an Essay Writing Competition, and invites entries from the students to share inspiring stories about their teachers. This Competition will be conducted on 1st September 2014. The entries are invited in English and all the 22 Scheduled Languages. (Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Bodo, Santhali, Maithali and Dogri). A practice round will be conducted on 29th & 30th August to acquaint participants with the process. The competition round will be held on the 1st September, 2014. Winners will be announced on the 3rd September 2014 and felicitated on 5th September 2014 at Delhi.
2. This activity will be conducted in online/offline mode. The topic of the essay will be announced on the website / sent as a text message/ of Essay Writing Competition Gurutsav 2014 available on <http://mhrd.gov.in/>. This activity IVRS half an hour before the scheduled start time of the competition. There are three modes of participation. Those participating through online mode can directly key-in their responses through the link. Announcement can also be conducted offline by the schools and the entries can be sent through mail to [ministryhrd1@gmail.com](mailto:ministryhrd1@gmail.com). The entries can also be sent using mobile. Refer to guidelines given in Annexure-I-III for further details.
3. There will be three categories i.e. for Classes I-V, VI-VIII and IX-XII. The categories will represent girls, boys and differently abled girls and boys. In all, four winners will be chosen from each state/UT. Each of the best entries will get a chance to win a prize of Rs. 5,000.

### **Classes I-V & Visually impaired**

For classes I-V and for visually impaired students, a 2 minute audio/video recording may be sent either by email or by uploading on mobile within an hour of announcement of the Essay

### **Classes VI-VIII**

Students of classes VI-VIII will write a 500 word essay in 1 hour (1 hour and 30 minutes for differently abled; they may also use amanuenses if needed).

### **Classes IX - XII**

Students of classes IX -XII will write a 1000 word essay in 1 hour and 30 minutes (2 hours for differently abled; the differently abled students may also use amanuenses, if needed).

The topic of Essay Writing Competition will be announced half an hour before the scheduled time of start of the Competition.

Prior Registration, open from 27th -29th August 2014, is compulsory for this activity.

### **Registration can be done in the following ways:**

1. Using internet application by clicking on the link Registration for Essay Writing Competition - Gurutsav and following instructions thereafter.
2. Giving a missed call at ( 9015910123 ) and following instructions thereafter.
3. Calling a toll free no. ( 18002005188 ) and following instructions thereafter.

Schools can also register students in bulk by following any one of the above ways/modes using single obile No./Email-id. However, in such a case a maximum of 30 students (10 from each category) can be registered using single Email-id/Mobile No.

It is not merely a competitive activity but will also provide a platform to enable the entire nation to pay rich gratitude to the entire teaching community. Social media like Facebook and Twitter will be extensively used to popularize the submitted entries and also for commenting on the tentative winning entries through peer comments especially to check plagiarism. Participants are also advised to visit the link Announcement of Essay Writing Competition - Gurutsav 2014 on website <http://mhrd.gov.in> for regular updates. Please contact 011-23211575 for any further queries.