



All India Mahatma Gandhi Literary Conference (2nd) 2026

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Essay Competition

Dear Friends and Thinkers,

Mahatma Gandhi, who believed "My life is my message," showed the whole world the practice of non-violence, truth and peace in daily life. In today's world while technology and modernity are expanding rapidly, many new challenges have arisen at the family, social and international levels. In such turbulent and complex times, Gandhiji's principles are becoming even more relevant.

With the objective of inculcating Gandhian thought among youth, boosting their critical thinking skills and finding solutions to today's problems through Gandhian perspective, this essay competition is organized as part of the "All India Mahatma Gandhi Literary Conference (2nd)".

Essay Topics:

1. Importance of Gandhian Non-Violence in the 21st Century
2. World Peace and Gandhi's Thoughts
3. Gandhiji's Sustainable Lifestyle
4. Gandhi's Reflections on the Current Environmental Crisis
5. Gandhiji's Concept of 'Hind Swaraj'
6. From Gram Swaraj to Smart Village
7. Current Status and Challenges of Rural Self-Reliance
8. Satyagraha: An Effective Tool for Modern Democratic Movements
9. Women Empowerment and Gandhi's Thoughts
10. Mahatma Gandhi's Educational Philosophy
11. Today's Journalism and Gandhi
12. Global Village: Vision and Practice
13. Democratic Principles and Conduct
14. Pluralism, Inclusivity and Nationalism

Note: Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for writing the essays is not permitted. Content will be checked for AI plagiarism.

Prizes

Group: 7th to 10th Standard	Group: Jr. College to University Level
First : ₹ 8,000/-	First : ₹ 10,000/-
Second : ₹ 6,000/-	Second : ₹ 7,000/-
Third : ₹ 4,000/-	Third : ₹ 5,000/-
Consolation: 5 Prize (for each 1000/-) Total 5000/-	Consolation: 5 Prize (for each 1000/-) Total 5000/-
Total Prize 23,000/-	Total Prize 27,000/-

Rules

- Participation Groups: Group 1: 7th to 10th Standard | Group 2: Jr. College to University Level.
- The essay must be self-written and typed on any one of the given topics.
- The essay should be on a single side, A4 paper.
- The decision of the judges will be final.

Word Limit :

- School Group (7th to 10th): 700 to 1,000 words
- Jr. College to University Group: 1,500 to 2,000 words
- Language: **Marathi, Urdu, Hindi** (Unicode Mangal, 11 Pt font) and **English** (Times New Roman 12 Pt space 1.5 between line)

Required Information :

On the first page of the essay, clearly write your **full name, Essay group, School / College name, mobile number and address.**

Submission Details :

- **Email** : essaycompetition@mgsindia.net
- **Websites** : www.mgmu.ac.in | www.mgsindia.net
- **Last Date for Submission** : 30 September 2026
- **Venue** : MGM University Campus, N-6, CIDCO, Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, Maharashtra, India.

Note: Prize distribution to the winning students and certificates for participating students will take place during the All India Mahatma Gandhi Literary Conference (2nd) held on 8th and 9th October 2026.

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