

**DR. AMBEDKAR FOUNDATION  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
GOVT. OF INDIA**

**Dr. Ambedkar Foundation Essay Competition Scheme For Class 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> & Colleges/Universities/Institutions Students In 22 Indian Languages and English .**

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**1. Introduction**

Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar can be seen from many dimensions like the messiah in the cause of Dalits, an astute political leader, a scholar in jurisprudence and the father of the Constitution of India, a social historian, and many more. As the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Indian Constitution, Babasaheb laid special emphasis on dignity, freedom and rights for the deprived section of the population. His concept on the living condition of the labour formed the building blocks of the labour policy of the Government of India. Babasaheb is known as one of the tallest reformers of India particularly in relation to providing social justice and empowerment to the weaker and depressed section of the population. It becomes imperative for the young Indians to get inspired by this versatile genius and creatively rediscover Babasaheb's thoughts and ideology, which can be reflected from their writings in the form of essays.

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) was set up in pursuance of the recommendations of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Centenary Celebrations Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the then Prime Minister. One of the major objectives of DAF is to provide financial aid to the institutions propagating Babasaheb's memory, organize a special campaign for removal of untouchability and caste based prejudices for bringing an attitudinal change in the society through communal harmony and brotherhood and to organize essay competitions, quiz competitions, lectures, seminars and symposia etc. on socio-economic issues to full the vision of Babasaheb to build an ideal society—a society based on social justice and equity—that gives permanency to the great achievements of modern Indian nation. DAF considers that an informed youth in different corners of our country imbibed in the ideology of Babasaheb would not only carry the country's advancement forward but also take it to still higher levels and the creative thinking of the informed youths can only be reflected through their writings in the form of essays in Indian Languages and English.

**2. Objectives**



  
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In view of the above, DAF has decided to encourage Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in different universities/institutes in organising the essay competitions at the national level in Indian Languages and English. The primary objective of this Essay Competition is to encourage school, college and university students of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standards to write on the contribution of Babasaheb, particularly on his thoughts on social justice, empowerment of the depressed section, removal of caste-based discriminations like untouchability and atrocities on Dalits, national integration, communal harmony and the like. The essays from the participants are expected to contain analytical and suggestive accounts on ways to build a more democratic and equitable society as envisioned in the different regions of our country.

### 3. Frequency

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation Essay Competition for students of recognized Schools / Colleges / Universities / Institutions shall be held every year.

### 4. Eligibility

Bonafide students from a Secondary as well as Higher Secondary schools (10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Standard) registered under the state board or any of the central boards and college, as well as universities recognized by UGC in India, can participate in the competition.

### 5. Topics

The topics of the essay shall be selected every year by the respective Chairs from the themes based on Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts on social justice, removal of inequality and discrimination, ameliorating the conditions of weaker sections of the society, removal of untouchability, caste-based prejudices, disparities, equality of opportunity, social democracy etc.

### 6. Medium

The essays may be written in Indian Languages and English

### 7. Prizes-

Prizes to the overall best three entries in Indian Languages and English are as under.

The winner students of the recognized Colleges /Universities /Institutions will be given the following prizes

Language	1st prize (Rs.)	IInd prize (Rs.)	IIIrd prize (Rs.)
Hindi	1,00,000/-	50,000/-	25,000/-
English	1,00,000/-	50,000/-	25,000/-



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Indian Languages	1,00,000/-	50,000/-	25,000/-
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Financial implication for the essay competition at the Colleges /Universities /Institutions: Rs.1.75 lakh per one language

The winner students of the recognized School will be given the following prizes

Language	Ist prize (Rs.)	IInd prize (Rs.)	IIIRD prize (Rs.)
Hindi	25,000/-	15,000/-	10,000/-
English	25,000/-	15,000/-	10,000/-
Indian Languages	25,000/-	15,000/-	10,000/-

Financial implication for the national essay competition at the schools: Rs..50 lakh per one language

Accordingly, the total financial implications for Prize money per language (Rs. 1.75 lakh + Rs. .5 lakh) = **Rs. 2.25 lakh**

### 8. Partners of Implementation

One of the Dr. Ambedkar Chairs set up by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation will be requested to be a partner in the implementation of the Scheme on rotational basis and extend assistance in the evaluation of the essays.

### 9. Publicity to the scheme

- An advertisement in this regard would be published in major national and Indian newspapers.
- The advertisement will be placed on the Website of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) & Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment ([www.socialjustice.nic.in](http://www.socialjustice.nic.in))
- The advertisements will also be placed on the Websites of all the Chairs.
- The publicity of the Scheme will be given through the Chairs.
- Letters will be issued from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to the State Welfare Ministers / Departments requesting them to further request all the Central and State Universities in their State to circulate the Scheme among their students.
- The services of District Education Officers will also be sought, through the State Governments, for taking the Scheme to the schools in the district.
- The UGC, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), Indian school boards etc. will be requested to circulate the Scheme among their students.
- Members of the General Body of Dr Ambedkar Foundation may also be requested to give due publicity to this scheme.



  
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## 10. Terms & Conditions of the Competition

- a. There is no entry fee.
- b. The word limit of the essay will be 3500 words in English and 2500 words in Indian Languages.
- c. Each participant should submit only one essay entry on the suggested topic.
- d. The participants shall submit a certificate that the essay is their original work.
- e. Participants should submit one clean typed copy of the essay with name, address, school/college/university details, topic, language, e-mail, phone no., bank account details etc. with the participant's signature as well as the signature of the Head of the Institution.
- f. Submission of the essay entry to the competition implies the acceptance of the rules and regulations of the competition.
- g. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
- h. Plagiarism above 20 per cent will result in immediate disqualification.
- i. The student participant's name, e-mail address, postal address, institution, course and year of study, etc., should be indicated in the covering letter and strictly not in the essay.
- j. The organisers reserve the right to reject entries that do not conform to these guidelines.
- k. All entries received for competition will become the property of the respective Chairs and Dr. Ambedkar Foundation. The winning entries may be considered for publication in book form by the Chair and/or Foundation subject to the approval of the Editor, DAF.
- l. In all matters of dispute, the decision of the respective Chairs will be final and binding.
- m. The respective Chairs can further add additional terms and conditions in consultation with the Editor, DAF.
- n. In case of violation of any of the terms and conditions of the Competition, the participants may be barred from the Competition.

## 11. Judging Criteria

The essays will be judged by an evaluation committee (to be set up by the respective Chairs) for the selection of the prize-winning entries. The essays will be evaluated on the basis of contents, analysis/interpretation, presentation and writing skills as per the following provisions:

Criteria	Max. Marks
Contents	50
Analysis/ interpretation	20
Presentation	15
Writing Skills	15



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## 12. Announcement of Prizes

A full list of winners would be placed on the websites of the organising Chair and/or on the Notice Board of that Chair. A full list of winners would be placed on the websites of the Foundation ([www.drambedkarfoundation.nic.in](http://www.drambedkarfoundation.nic.in)). Winners may be invited to Delhi for felicitation in a befitting manner.

## 13. Distribution of Prizes

- a. Winners may be invited for felicitation by the DAF and will be felicitated in a befitting manner in the Bhim Hall of Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC).
- b. Prizes will consist of books on Babasaheb Ambedkar, prize money in the form of an account payee bank draft and a citation to be presented in the ceremony in (DAIC).
- c. A sum of Rs. 8,000/- @ Rs. 4,000/- each (on an average) per day for the winner student and escort will be earmarked for their travelling expenses, boarding and lodging.
- d. Awardees will have sightseeing within Delhi at the cost of DAF.

## 14. Financial Implication of competition


Expenditure on the administration of the scheme	Amount (Rs.) per language
Prize money for winners	2,25,000/-
Advertisement in the National and Indian Newspapers, Television, social media, printing posters, banners etc.	10,00,000/-
Honorarium for Judges for evaluation (Rs. 200/essay)	4,00,000/-
Transportation for organising the competition at the local level	25,000/-
Felicitation Ceremony and travelling costs of the awardees and escorts along with Delhi Darshan	3,00,000/-
Miscellaneous for organising the competition at the local level	75,000/-
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,25,000/-</b>

The financial implication of organising Essay Competition per language = **Rs. 20,25,000/-**

The cost of conducting competition in 22 (twenty-two) Indian languages and English = **Rs . 4,65,75,000.00**

Indian languages proposed are as follows:



  
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1) Assamese, (2) Bengali, (3) Gujarati, (4) Hindi, (5) Kannada, (6) Kashmiri, (7) Konkani, (8) Malayalam, (9) Manipuri, (10) Marathi, (11) Nepali, (12) Odiya, (13) Punjabi, (14) Sanskrit, (15) Sindhi, (16) Tamil, (17) Telugu, (18) Urdu (19) Bodo, (20) Santhali, (21) Maithili and (22) Dogri.

### 15. Terms and Conditions for the Partners of Implementation

- The Chairs will send the authenticated list of winners along with the other details including bank details to the DAF within 7 days of the completion of the competition via email and hard copy.
- The Chairs will submit a detailed report on the proceedings of the celebrations along with its photographs, the list of judges and the Utilization Certificate (in the prescribed Proforma i.e., GFR-19A) of the grant-in-aid duly audited by a Chartered Accountant, shall be submitted within one month of the date of the Competition.
- Rules and Regulations of General Financial Rules (GFR) would be followed.
- Approval may be accorded to select the judges empaneled/approved associate professors/ professors from the colleges and universities by the respective Chairs.
- Organising Chairs will indicate topics for the competition before organising the competition.



  
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