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To  
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**Sub: 2<sup>nd</sup> National Essay Competition on "Ground Water- Life line of the Nation" during the year 2016-17.**

Ref: Letter from Central Ground Water Authority No 1-7/IEC/Essay Competition/CGWA/2016-39 dated 11/1/2016

Sir,

As per letter cited above, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation has proposed to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Essay Competition on Water related issues during the year 2016-17. The topic for the Essay Competition will be "**Ground Water- Life line of the Nation**". The Essay Competition is intended for all **up to the age of 18 years** and aims to make the youth aware of the need for conservation and prevention of pollution of water and also to involve their parents and society in this noble cause. The Essay Competition will be held across the country in two phases. The winners will be awarded cash prizes. Detailed guidelines on the competition are enclosed.

It is requested to kindly arrange to host the information along with guidelines of essay competition on the DPI website for giving wide publicity and ensuring maximum participation from the State. **Last date for receipt of entries by the Regional Director, CGWB, Kerala Region, Nodal Officer for Kerala is 20.02.2017.** Essay submitted after the last date either by e mail or by post shall not be considered.

Yours faithfully

(V. Kunhambu)  
Regional Director

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Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

Central Ground Water Board

**Guidelines for 2<sup>nd</sup> National Essay Competition on water 2016-17**

The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation has proposed to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Essay Competition on Water related issues during the year 2016-17. The Essay Competition aims to make the youth aware of the need for conservation and prevention of pollution of water and also to involve their parents and society in this noble cause. Wide publicity through advertisement in the news papers, website of CGWB, Regional Offices of CGWB shall be put on for large scale participation in the Essay Competition. The Essay Competition will be held across the country in two phases. The winners will be awarded cash prizes.

**I. Essay Competition Phase-1**

1. The competition is open to all in the **age group up to 18 years as on 20.02.2017**.
2. Employees of Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR and all its organizations will not be eligible for participation.
3. The topic for the Essay Competition will be "**Ground Water- Life line of the Nation**"
4. Participant will submit only one essay, otherwise it will be rejected.
5. All eligible participants will have to send one essay in either Hindi or English or Regional language of the State through e-mail/post to the concerned Nodal Officer of CGWB. The Regional Director/ Head of Office/Officer- in-Charge of the Regional Offices/State Unit Offices of CGWB are Nodal Officers for the Essay Competition for the State/UT's under their jurisdiction. The contact details of the Nodal Officer of the State/UT is given below in Table -1.

Table : 1

Sl. No.	State/ UT	Nodal Officer & Address	STD Code	Phone/ Fax	Email address
1	Kerala, UT of Lakshadweep	Regional Director CGWB, Kerala Region Kedaram Kesavadasapuram Thiruvananthapuram - 695004 (Kerala)	0471	2555026 2442191 (F)	<a href="mailto:rdkr-cgwb@nic.in">rdkr-cgwb@nic.in</a>



6. The essay is to be submitted in the respective State of his/her present stay to the respective Nodal Officer only. Else it would be rejected.
7. Details of the participant including name, date of birth, father's/mother's name, profession (student, working etc.), name/address of educational institution/work place, communication address, telephone/mobile number(s), E-mail ID etc., are to be furnished along with the essay.
8. Each essay should not exceed 1500 words.
9. All the participants should submit/attach a coloured passport size photo alongwith their essay.
10. Manuscripts of the Essay can also be scanned and sent to the concerned Nodal Officer through e mail.
11. Last date for receipt of entries by the Nodal Officers would be **20.02.2017. Essay submitted after the last date either by e mail or by post shall not be considered.**
12. Entries not fulfilling the above criteria would be rejected.

#### **Essay Competition Phase- II (selection of prize winners in each State/UT)**

1. The Nodal Officers for States/UTs as mentioned in above table 1 would appoint a panel of Jury to evaluate the essays received. The jury will select ten best essays out of all the essays received in the respective State/UT. The participants of these best ten essays would be called in person for competing in the Phase -II of the Essay Competition, which will be held in each Regional offices and/or State Unit offices as given in the above Table-1.
2. The decision of the Jury would be final and binding for selection of the best 10 Essays.
3. Essay Competition Phase II is proposed to be organized on **10.03.2017.**
4. The Essay Competition will be conducted in English, Hindi and Local/ Regional languages.
5. All the selected ten participants will bring their proof of age like certificate for class 10<sup>th</sup>, Aadhar Card/ Driving license/ Voter ID Card or some other such authentic document.
6. All ten winners will bring **details of bank account linked with Aadhaar card for the purpose of payment of prize money.**
7. Paper and pen for writing of the Essay Competition will be provided by the Nodal Officer.

8. Topic/theme for the Phase- II essay writing will be decided by committee constituted by the competent authority. Topic/Theme for the Essay Competition will be disclosed at the venue. However, it would be related to issues pertaining to water.
9. All the 10 participants should submit latest coloured passport size photo to the respective Nodal Officer.
10. All ten participants would be paid to and fro rail fare by sleeper class /Bus on production of proof of journey undertaken in the entitled class **within the respective State only. (participants from Lakshadweep/A & N Islands will be entitled for economic air fare)**
11. Arrangements for stay (food and lodging) will be made by the participants themselves. A lump sum amount of Rs. 1000/- would be paid to each participant appearing for the Phase -II contest towards food, lodging, local transport and incidental charges.
12. Arrangements for lunch, tea etc., would be made on the day of the competition at the venue by the respective Nodal Officers.
13. Participants would report at the competition venue on the date and time on their own.
14. All participants are to report at the competition venue at least one hour before the start of competition for completing the registration formalities.
15. The Essay Competition would commence at 10.30 hours and would be for 90 minutes duration (one hour thirty minutes). The competition would end at 12.00 hours.
16. All the ten participants will be given participation certificate for the Phase- II Essay Competition.
17. Out of ten participants appearing for Phase -II Competition, a panel of Jury will select best 3 winners from each State/UT.
18. Selected 3 essays of each State/ UT will be then sent to Zonal Offices mentioned in the table- 2 below.

Table-2

S.No.	Zonal Office	States/UTs covered
1	CGWB, SWR, Bengaluru	Karnataka, Kerala, Goa, Lakshadweep

19. The jury would select 60 best essays (First, Second, Third and 3 Consolations for each Zonal Office) from the total number of essays received from each State/UT and these would be considered for the prizes as given in the Table - 3 below:

Table -3

First prize	10 Nos.	Rs. 50000 each
Second prize	10 Nos.	Rs. 25000 each
Third prize	10 Nos.	Rs. 15000 each
Consolation prize	30 Nos.	Rs. 5000 each

20. The decision of the Jury for selection of prize winners would be final and binding.