

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**School of Sciences (SOS)**  
in collaboration with  
**National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education (NCIDE)**  
**Regional Services Division (RSD)**

## **National Science Day Programme 2023**

### **Poster Guidelines**

#### **1. Basic Information**

##### **Eligibility**

The contest is open to all IGNOU learners and alumni. Enrolment number must be mentioned on each entry. All entries should be submitted on an individual basis. No shared work is allowed.

##### **Entry Limit**

Only one poster per student.

##### **Entry Deadline**

Entries must be submitted to the respective Regional Centre, IGNOU by Wednesday, **February 15, 2023**.

#### **2. Poster Requirements**

##### **Objective**

Ignite minds of IGNOU students and alumni to think creatively for organic solutions for the issues and challenges in the following thematic areas:

##### **Sub-Thematic areas:**

- No poverty/ Zero hunger
- Good health and well being
- Clean water and sanitation
- Sustainable cities and community/ sustainable agriculture
- Affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy

## Poster Size

Poster can be horizontal or vertical, of A3 size (29.7 cm x 42.0cm)sheet with margins (0.5 inches) as per the following template:

	<b>Sub-Theme</b>	
Margin	<b>Your Original Drawing</b>	Margin
Name & Enrolment Number, Regional Centre Details		

**Theme:** Science, Technology and Innovation for National Development

### Prizes for the best entries

- Top 3 (three) entries at each Regional Centre to receive a Certificate of Merit.
- Certificate of participation for each entry will be given by respective Regional Centre.

### Rules for Poster Making Competition:

- Each Participant can submit only one Poster.
- The poster must be made on the A3 size (29.7 cm x 42.0cm) sheet with margins (0.5 inches) drawn with black pen/marker.
- Poster can be made using pencil, crayon, watercolour, oil paint, etc.
- It should be original, and handmade. Posters copied from any other source will be out rightly rejected.
- The topic of poster and theme should be clearly mentioned at the Top Margin of the Poster.
- Any kind of plagiarism or any explicit content in the poster shall not be entertained at any cost and the participant will be disqualified. **Self-declaration of originality** of poster should be attached with the poster.
- The non-compliance of any of the above points will lead to immediate disqualification.
- The decision will be taken by experts and their decision will be final. No further queries in this regard will be entertained.
- By submitting your poster, you are giving the right to use your poster to IGNOU.
- The organizing team reserves the right to change or modify any of the rules.

- The **last date** to send your entries is **February 15, 2023**.

### **Judgement Criteria:**

Scoring will be done on basis of the following criteria with emphasis on neat and clean work as well as creativity of the poster. Judgement will be based on:

- Relevance to the theme
- Originality
- Artistic composition and design
- Creativity and innovativeness
- Message conveyed by the poster
- Effectiveness in communicating the intended message

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**CERTIFICATE OF ORIGINALITY**

(To be attached with the Poster/Essay)

This is to certify that the entry submitted by me is my original work and has not been copied from anywhere. Also, I authorise IGNOU to use it for any academic purposes.

**Date:**

**Name:**

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### **ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION**

The National Science Day is celebrated all over India on 28th of February every year to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by the Indian physicist, Sir C. V. Raman in the year 1928. The School of Sciences (SOS) in collaboration with National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education (NCIDE) and Regional Services Division (RSD), IGNOU is glad to announce an essay writing competition as part of the National Science Day celebration and invites students and alumni to participate in this essay writing competition with any one of the following sub-themes:

**Theme:** Science, Technology and Innovation for National Development

#### **Sub-Thematic areas**

- No poverty/ Zero hunger
- Good health and well being
- Clean water and sanitation
- Sustainable cities and community/ sustainable agriculture
- Affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy

#### **Eligibility**

The contest is open to all IGNOU learners and alumni. Enrolment number must be mentioned on each entry. All entries should be submitted on an individual basis. No shared work is allowed.

#### **Entry Limit**

Only one essay per student.

#### **Entry Deadline**

Entries must be submitted to the respective Regional Centre, IGNOU by Wednesday, **February 15, 2023**.

## **Word Limit**

The essay should be within 2000-2500 words in handwritten or typed. It should not exceed the word limit or else, would lead to disqualification.

## **Medium of Essay**

The essays can be submitted in any Indian language including English.

## **Prizes for the best entries**

- Top 3 (three) entries at each Regional Centre to receive a Certificate of Merit.
- Certificate of participation for each entry will be given by respective Regional Centre.

## **Guidelines**

1. The competition is open for learners and alumni of IGNOU.
2. Each participant can send only one entry.
3. The entry should be original. Entries copied from any source will not be considered under the contest.
4. Please note that the Essay must be original and should not violate Copyright Act. Any kind of plagiarism or any explicit content in the essay shall not be entertained at any cost and the participant will be disqualified. Self-declaration of originality of essay should be attached with the essay.
5. No requests relating to claims of re-evaluation of the entries will be considered.
6. The decision of the committee will be final and binding to all the entries.
7. At any stage of evaluation, if an entry is found to violate the guidelines, the entry will be removed from evaluation process without giving any intimation.
8. The essay should be in the following format:

**Title of the essay..... Sub theme of the essay.....**

The essay should contain the following components:

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) Description of the issues/problems pertaining to the sub thematic area
- (iii) Role of S&T in addressing these issues/problems
- (iv) Innovative interventions in these areas
- (v) S&T enabled way forward
- (vi) Conclusion

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**CERTIFICATE OF ORIGINALITY**

(To be attached with the Essay)

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**IDEATHON**

**Inviting Innovative Ideas from IGNOU Students/Alumni**

IGNOU is organizing an **Ideathon** on the occasion of National Science Day celebration. IGNOU students/alumni are invited to submit their original and creative ideas in any of the following themes:

**Theme:** Science, Technology and Innovation for National Development

**Sub-Themes**

- No poverty/ Zero hunger
- Good health and well being
- Clean water and sanitation
- Sustainable cities and community/ sustainable agriculture
- Affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy

The ideas for these themes could also be **Inter-disciplinary**, such as Smart Solutions, Digital Solutions and Management, etc. Each idea will be evaluated on the criteria of its novelty, complexity, clarity and details, feasibility, practicability, sustainability, scale of impact, cost effectiveness and future prospects, etc.

**If any bonafide student/alumni of IGNOU has come up with any kind of idea in any field in the afore mentioned themes, he/she may submit his/her idea in the prescribed format.** The entries in the prescribed format may be submitted through email or may be sent by post at their respective Regional centre.

The last date for submitting the ideas is **February 15, 2023**. The application form may be downloaded from IGNOU website at [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in).



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### Proforma for Idea Submission

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolment No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Programme Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Centre : \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No. : \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

1. Title of Idea

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Sub theme of Idea

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What need or problem is being addressed by your idea? State the problem.

4. What innovative idea are you proposing as a solution for the problem?

5. Give detailed description of the Idea.

6. What is the inspiration for this idea?

7. In case a similar idea already exists, then highlight the novelty of your idea.

8. Who will be the beneficiaries from your idea?

9. How will your idea be useful for the society/beneficiaries?

10. What technology will you use to implement your idea?

11. Describe the roadmap/blueprint/plan of action for implementing your idea.

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### **Guidelines for submitting Ideas for Ideathon**

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is organizing an **Ideathon** on the occasion of National Science Day celebration to showcase and recognise the ideas of IGNOU students/alumni. The purpose of the event is to recognize, share, nurture and promote ideas of the students/alumni of IGNOU, to systematically foster the culture of Innovation through multitudinous modes leading to an innovation promotion eco-system at IGNOU.

#### **Who is Eligible to Participate?**

Any bonafide and registered students of IGNOU and alumni who has come up with an idea for creating an innovative product, process or services as a solution to the problem/challenge being faced by individuals or society from the given theme areas, is eligible to participate in the Ideathon.

The selected ideas will be displayed during National Science Day celebration at the Regional Centres and School of Sciences, IGNOU. It would also be circulated in IGNOU diginews.

#### **Why Should You Participate?**

By participating in this Ideathon, you would be able to show your talent, test your ideas, connect with mentors and, challenge yourself to think innovatively. It would, help you to enhance your social and emotional learning, while boosting your competitive spirit. You will also receive training in entrepreneurship skills and related hard and soft skills to develop your idea into a business plan and them to convert it into an innovative product or service.

#### **What are the Themes of Ideathon?**

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Sub-Themes</b>
Science, Technology and Innovation for National Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No poverty/ Zero hunger</li><li>• Good health and well being</li><li>• Clean water and sanitation</li><li>• Sustainable cities and community/ sustainable agriculture</li><li>• Affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy</li></ul>

### **How to Think of an Idea?**

1. Think of problems or challenges faced by you or the society in any of the above mentioned theme areas.
2. Think of an innovative idea as a solution for the problem.
3. Give a detailed description and roadmap/blue print on how your idea will work as a solution to the problem.
4. Make sure that the idea is your original idea and is new. In case a similar idea already exists, then highlight the newness of your idea.

### **How to Apply?**

Those who are interested in applying may submit the filled-in Proforma along with supporting documents, through e-mail or send hard copy at their respective Regional Centre by **February 15, 2023.**