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Dear Ashok,

As you are aware, October 13 every year is celebrated as the International Day for Disaster Reduction.

2. With a view to celebrate the same as well as to create awareness about Disaster Risk Reduction among school children and ensure their participation as they are the future ambassadors of the cause, NDMA is organising a nationwide essay competition for them. This will give an exposure to the young children to different dimensions of disaster management.

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3. The competition will be organized in two phases - first at the district and then at the State level. Winners of the competition for both the phases will be felicitated at their district and State Headquarters respectively on October 13, 2017.

4. You are, therefore, requested to widely publicise this competition through your website and other means. NDMA will sponsor the prize money for both the levels of the competition. Details of the competition are given on the concept note attached.

With regards

(R.K.Jain)

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Guidelines for 1st National Essay Competition on Disaster Risk Reduction

According to Sendai framework, 2015; Children and youth are agents of change and should be given the space and modalities to contribute to disaster risk reduction, in accordance with legislation, national practice. Children and youth are like pillars of the nation, so including children and youth in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation becomes very important because if they got right knowledge they will disseminate the same knowledge children in the future and continue to educate their children. It will prove as an important instrument for raising public and institutional awareness and understanding and disseminate accurate and non-sensitive disaster risk, hazard and disaster information. It is proposed to conduct the 1st National Essay Competition on Disaster Risk Reduction during the year 2017-18. The Essay Competition aims to make the children and youth aware of the need for Disaster Risk Reduction and at the same involve their parents and society in this noble cause. Wide publicity will be given for large scale participation in the Essay Competition. The Essay Competition will be held for two categories across the country in two phases. The winners for each category will be awarded cash prizes.

A. Essay Competition for Category – I & II

1. **Category – I** Middle Class Student – 7th – 10th Class
2. **Category – II** Senior Secondary Student – 11th -12th Class

Topics for Category - I & II may be as under:-.

1. **Prevention and Mitigation of Natural Disasters.**

2. Be smart, Be prepared: Pre-disaster preparedness and effective disaster response.

Essay Competition Phase -1- DDMA Level

1. The competition is open to all in the above explained categories. The First Phase of Essay Competition is to be initiated in all the States/UT's at the District level School. All Directors of State Disaster Management Authority's would be requested to give wide publicity to the competition by soliciting participation from school students.
2. Student will submit only one essay, otherwise it will be rejected.
3. All eligible students will have to send only one essay in either Hindi or English or in regional language to the school. The school will submit best three entries to District Collector.
4. The essay competition will be held at School Level and the best 3 entries are to be submitted to the DC's Office. The best 3 from both categories at the district level will be submitted to the SDMA of their respective States.
5. Details of the participant including candidate name, date of birth, father's/mother's passport size photo, name, occupation(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.
6. The essay should not exceed 1500 words.
7. Manuscripts of the Essay can also be scanned and sent to the concerned Nodal Officer through e-mail.
8. Entries not fulfilling the above criteria would be rejected.
9. The Nodal Officers of States/UTs would appoint a panel of Jury to evaluate the essays received. The jury will select 3 best essays in category I and 3 best essays in category II out of all the essays received in the respective State/UT. A certificate will be awarded along with the prize money to the winners. The prize money will be as below:-

Table 1

S.No.	Prize Distribution	Category I	Category II
		Middle School (Class 7-10)	Secondary School(Class 11-12)
1.	One Prize- Ist	Rs.1000/-	Rs.1,000/-
2.	One Prize- IInd	Rs.500/-	Rs.500/-
3.	One Prize- IIIrd	Rs.300/-	Rs.300/-
	Total	Rs. 1800/-	Rs. 1800/-

All the selected authors will bring their proof of age- certificate from school authorities on their letter head, birth certificate, and/ some other such authentic document for receiving the 1st phase prize.

Phase-II- SDMA Level

The decision of the DC's for both the categories would be final and binding. The DCs will send best 3 Essays to SDMA for the second phase.

1. SDMA's will collect all the entries and declare the Ist, IInd and IIIrd prize.
2. All the selected entries should be submitted by SDMA to NDMA with their details and latest coloured passport size photo.
3. The announcement of prize may be organized on 13th Oct, 2017 at the State capital.
4. Participants would report at the prize distribution venue on the date and time on their own.
5. The jury would select 3 best essays from both categories from total number of Phase-I essays and these would be

considered for the prizes. A certificate will be awarded along with the prize money to the winners. The prize money will be as below:

Table 2

	Category I	Category II
First prize	1 No. 5000/-	Rs.5000/-
Second prize	1 No. 3000/-	Rs.3000/-
Third prize	1 No. 2000/-	Rs.2000/-
Total	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-

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

7. The prize money will be awarded to winners as per the completion certification of this competition submitted by SDMA's to NDMA and also share the complete bank details of the winners.
