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**The Auroville Foundation, in commemoration of 75 years of  
India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav) and the  
150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, announces an  
*Essay and Short Film Competitions* nationally and  
internationally for School Students (6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> standard) and  
College Level Students.**

**“Our ideal is a new birth of humanity into the spirit; our life must be a spiritually inspired effort to create a body of action for that great new birth and creation.”** Sri Aurobindo.

On the occasion of celebrating 75 years of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav) and the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, the Auroville Foundation is announcing **Essay and Short Film Competitions** for **School students** (6th to 12th Standard/Grade) and for College level Students nationally and internationally in **Tamil and English languages**.

This creative competition for students is conducted as part of commemorating 75 years of India's Independence and the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo. It is a call to the Youth of India and the World for creating greater awareness of **Sri Aurobindo's contribution** to India's reawakening to Her greatness and the role India has to play in the New Age *“opening for the whole world, for the political, social, cultural and spiritual future of humanity, ... forming the outer basis of a fairer, brighter and nobler life for all mankind.”* ([Sri Aurobindo, Five Dreams](#)).

1) The topics of the Essay or Short Film\* **for School students** in English and Tamil languages will be:

## **"Sri Aurobindo and Auroville: Reigniting India's Greatness"**

2) The topic of Essay or Short Film\* **for College/University Students** in English and Tamil languages will be:

**"Sri Aurobindo & Auroville: India's Gift for Humanity".**

\* The length of essays should not exceed 10 pages (A4 size only) with 20 lines per page (about 3000 words in total) and should be submitted in pdf format.

The duration of the short film should be between 5-7 minutes and in the format of .mp4, .avi or .mpeg files.

The essays/ short films must be submitted **on or before 16th September, 2022 at 6.00 p.m. (IST)** and only **in digital form.**

1) The **essays** should be sent to the below provided email addresses and include the **PDF document.**

2) The **short films** should be **uploaded** into the following platform:  
<https://www.aurobindo150shortfilm.com/>

The submission emails of every participant must contain the following details: 1) Name, 2) Residential address, 3) Name and address of the educational institution, 4) Class/Grade/Discipline of studies, and 5) Contact mobile number and email ID.

**Two Committees of eminent persons will evaluate the short films and the essays :-**

Prof. R. Chandrasekaran, Director, Central Institute of Classical Tamil and

Dr. Sudha Seshayyan, Vice-Chancellor, The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, will chair the committees for evaluation of the essays in Tamil and English respectively.

Film director and screenwriter Thiru Vasanth. S. Sai will chair the committee for evaluation of the short films for both languages.

The Committee will recommend three winners in each category (Separately for Tamil and English).

For the **College level competition**, the first, second and third place winners will be felicitated with **Rs.1.00 Lakh** (Rupees one Lakh), **Rs.75,000** (Rupees seventy-five thousand) and **Rs.50,000** (Rupees fifty thousand) respectively.

For the **School level Competition**, the first, second and third place winners will be felicitated with **Rs.75,000** (Rupees seventy-five thousand), **Rs.50,000/-** (Rupees fifty thousand) and **Rs.25,000** (Rupees twenty-five thousand) respectively.

The cash prizes and certificates will be awarded in due course.

**List of email ID's for submissions** of essays and short films of eight categories, depending if it is an essay or a short film, a school or college student and if it is in English or in Tamil language.

I. For the materials in **Tamil** language:

- 1) Essay submissions for school students: [essay.schools.tamil@auroville.org.in](mailto:essay.schools.tamil@auroville.org.in)
- 2) Essay submissions for college students: [essay.college.tamil@auroville.org.in](mailto:essay.college.tamil@auroville.org.in)

II. For the materials in **English** language:

- 1) Essay submissions for school students: [essay.schools.english@auroville.org.in](mailto:essay.schools.english@auroville.org.in)
- 2) Essay submissions for college students: [essay.college.english@auroville.org.in](mailto:essay.college.english@auroville.org.in)

Sri Aurobindo said, “The future belongs to the young. It is a young and new world which is now under process of development and it is the young who must create it. But it is also a world of truth, courage, justice, lofty aspiration and straightforward fulfilment which we seek to create.....A brave, frank, clean-hearted, courageous and aspiring youth is the only foundation on which the future nation can be built....“

On the special occasion of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo and the 75th Birthday of Free India, this is to welcome students from across India and the World to delve deeper into the thoughts, words and actions of Sri Aurobindo, assimilate them, reflect on his ideals and express their ideas, hopes and dreams through films or essays by participating in this International Contest.

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