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दिनांक/dated: 2nd February, 2024

**Call for applications for 'On the Spot Essay Writing Competition-2024'**

As part of the celebration of Statistics Day on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) will organize an essay writing competition on subjects relevant to the Statistics/Official Statistics. The interested Post-Graduate students of Statistics currently studying in recognized universities/colleges/institutes are invited to participate in 'On the Spot Essay Writing Competition- 2024'.

2. Details of the competition are as given below:

- (i) The candidates should submit their application form through email at [training-mospi@nic.in](mailto:training-mospi@nic.in) as per instructions at Annex. The last date for the receipt of applications will be **17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**. The Competition will be held on **7<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 (Sunday)** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- (ii) The candidates should give two preferences for their center of examination from the drop-down list while filling the application form. The Ministry reserves right to allot a center other than opted by the candidate. Each eligible candidate will be asked through a separate communication by email to come to the examination center for writing essay. No TA/DA will be paid for appearing in the competition.
- (iii) Two topics of essay would be given on the spot. The essay should be written on one of the given topics in about 5000 words in three hours.
- (iv) The essays will be evaluated on the basis of contents, originality of ideas, sequence of presentation and writing skills. The list of winners will be published on Ministry's website. The winners will also be notified in writing.
- (v) The winners will be given certificates along with cash prize as given below:

First Prize (1 numbers)	: ₹ 15,000/-
Second Prize (2 numbers)	: ₹12,000/- (each)
Third Prize (3 numbers)	: ₹10,000/- (each)
Consolation prizes (5 numbers)	: ₹5,000/- (each)

- (vi) The winners of the competition will be invited to a function to be organized by MoSPI to receive the prizes on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. The winners coming to the place of function will be entitled to receive actual fares of their to and fro journey from their permanent residence or from the university/institute they are studying through shortest route by rail in AC-III tier. Stay arrangements will also be done by the Ministry.

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**Instructions for submitting applications for “On the Spot Essay Writing Competition 2024”**

- (i) Download application format in MS Excel File by [clicking here](#).
- (ii) Fill the application form in MS Excel File. Message displayed while moving cursor on a cell may be read carefully before filling information in that cell.
- (iii) Take printout of the duly filled-in application form. On the printed form at Sl. No. 11, affix your passport size recent colored photograph in the box and sign the undertaking.
- (iv) The following documents should be sent through email at [training-mospi@nic.in](mailto:training-mospi@nic.in) with the subject “On the Spot Essay Writing Competition 2024”

**-Scanned copy of the duly filled-in and signed application form**

**-MS Excel File of the Filled in Application Form**

**-Self attested copy of Identity Card issued in during PG Course or PG Marksheet or any other document showing that the applicant is a Post Graduate Student of Statistics.**

- (v) In absence any of the above-mentioned documents the application would be rejected.
- (vi) All the competition related queries may be sent at email [training-mospi@nic.in](mailto:training-mospi@nic.in) with the subject “On the Spot Essay Writing Competition 2024”.
- (vii) Emails received with a subject other than “On the Spot Essay Writing Competition 2024” may not be considered.
- (viii) Candidate’s request to change of examination center will not be entertained after last date of submission of application form.