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ON AUDIT DIWAS, VICE PRESIDENT GIVES AWAY PRIZES TO CAG ESSAY COMPETITION WINNERS

The Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, gave away prizes to the winners of the prestigious National Online Essay Writing Competition at an event organized by the Comptroller Auditor General of India to mark Audit Diwas here today.

Congratulating the seven prize winners, Shri Dhankar said, “ On this occasion, I would also like to congratulate all the seven university students who have won the National Online Essay Writing Competition, and who’ve joined us here today from different parts of the country. They wrote exceptional essays on themes that align with current governance vision. I appreciate the initiative taken by the CAG to engage young minds through this essay competition.”

The essay writing competition was part of the CAG’s effort to reach out to the youth of the nation and raise awareness about the institution’s public work and activities as an independent audit authority.

“The winning essays reflected a deep sense of understanding of the constitutional visions of the CAG,” said Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller General of India.

“The theme of this year’s essay focused on the CAG’s role in 2047, the year India completes 100 years of independence, and what it can do to address global challenges like climate change,” said Shri Murmu. “More than a thousand entries were received from students pursuing their studies in premier institutes and universities.”

The bilingual competition in Hindi and English was open to all students aged under 25 from any recognized university and institute of the country. The winning essays were selected on the basis of originality, clarity, style and creativity by a three-member evaluation committee.

In the Hindi language category, the first prize went to Mr. Sarang Mukeshbhai Patel of Gujarat Ayurved University while Ms. Sakshi Jain of University of Kota secured the second prize. The third position was bagged by Ms. Madhuri Chandrakar of Raipur’s Government D.B Girls PG Autonomous College.

In the English language category, Mr. Harsh, a law student from Hidayatullah National Law University in Raipur, secured first prize. The second spot was a tie between Mr. Kethavath Kumar Naik of the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, and Mr. Ankesh of National Law University Odisha. Mr. Brahmabhatt Yogiraj Hiteshkumar of the Ahmedabad-based Aditya Silver Oak Institute of Technology, secured the third prize.

The awardees received a **certificate of appreciation** and prize money. This year's first prize winners received a **cheque** of Rs 30,000. The second and third prize winners received Rs 20,000 and Rs 15,000, respectively.

Ms. C.N Shanmukha Priya a student from Andhra Pradesh, found a special mention at the Audit Diwas ceremony. At 13, she was too young to formally participate in the competition. But her enthusiasm and passion to write an essay despite the age barrier for entry drew praise and applause from the audience.

This year's contest had three themes revolving around the big questions of national development, global challenges and the future role of CAG. Contestants could pick any one of the three given topics to write on. The three themes were: 1) *The CAG: Helping India Achieve Panchamrit - Five Nectar Elements to Deal with Climate Change* 2) *The CAG: Realising the Constitution's Vision, Enlivening Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* 3) *CAG at 2047: Imagine you are the CAG of India in year 2047. What will be your strategy for the institution?*



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