

Essay Competitions

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Students interested to participate in the essay competitions are requested to send two copies of typed essays (word limit 3000 words) duly forwarded by the Head of their Institutes/ Universities along with summaries in 200 words and proof of membership of IPC on any of the above topics to: Prof. Dilipkumar Mohanta, Professor (Retd) Dept. of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, Kolkata 700027, or Prof. Dilipkumar Mohanta, 2AL2.Greenwood Nook. 369/2, Purbachal Kalitala Road, Kolkata 700078 dkmphil@gmail.com (Mobile: 8240243526) by 10th November 2025.

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3. Swami Pranavananda Philosophy Essay Award: Topic: Language and Intentionality with special Reference to Searle

The Departments of Philosophy of Universities, Institutes and Colleges may send their nominations, along with the bio-data of the nominees for the National Award. Authors may send 3 copies of their books for the Book Award. Books published during 2024 and 2025 are considered for the award.

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