

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - Celebrating 75 years of India's Independence

Guidelines for Writing Activity on India's Struggle for Freedom

1. Introduction

'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India launched the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by flagging off 'Dandi March' from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad on 12th March, 2021. The celebration commenced 75 weeks prior to Independence Day, 2022 and will extend up to Independence Day, 2023. To recall the contribution of our unforgettable Freedom Fighters and to make our children aware about the life of freedom fighters and importance of historical places in India's struggle for Freedom, a national level Writing Activity is being organised by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India. This activity will not only help the children to explore the life of freedom fighters and importance of historical places in India's struggle for Freedom but it will also inspire them to contribute in India's development later.

2. Theme for Writing Activity:

"Life of freedom fighters and importance of villages/towns/cities/places in India's struggle for Freedom"

3. Activities:

In writing activity, students will write about the historical heroes and places of their area in the last 75 years with the help of their Grandparents, Elders, Local Guardian, Community Leader, Sarpanch/Panch/Sadasya, Block Pramukh, teachers and other research/ study/books, in an online or offline mode.

The writing activity may be in the form of Essay/Short Story/Poem etc.on any of the following suggested list of topics: -

- 1) Writing on the life of Indian freedom fighters from your village/town/city.

- 2) Writing on the historical importance of your village/town/city in India's Freedom Struggle
- 3) Writing on the life of women freedom fighters from your village/city/town.
- 4) Writing about the statue of freedom fighters in your village/city/town (if any)
- 5) Write about participation of children from your village/city/town in India's struggle for freedom.
- 6) Write about a relative of yours, such as grandparents, who fought for India's Freedom Struggle.
- 7) Writing on the life of Indian freedom fighters from your paired State/UT as per Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat's pairing matrix.

Note: These are just suggestive topics. In the light of above, States/UTs may choose their own topics for each level i.e., School, District and State level.

Eligibility to participate: Enrolled in Grade 6th to 12th

Word Limit: Within 600 words

S.No.	Level	Activity	Suggested Time	Responsibility
1.	School Level	All the Schools may organize the writing contest and provide the list of best entries selected at school level for District level activity.	22.7.21 to 30.9.21	State School Education Secretaries, SCERT, CRC, BRC and Schools
2.	District Level	Districts may organize the writing contest for all the students selected at School Level and a list of selected best entries will be provided to the State/UT level to ensure their participation in State level activity.	1.10.21 to 15.11.21	State School Education Secretaries, SCERT, CRC, BRC and Schools
3.	State Level	A State level writing contest may also be organized by the States and UTs for the selected students at District level activity. State will provide a list of 50 students selected at State level for national level participation to	16.11.21 to 15.1.22	DoSEL, State School Education Secretaries, SCERT, CRC, BRC and Schools

		DoSEL by 30.1.22.		
4.	National Level	<i>“National Level Writing Activity on the life of freedom fighters and importance of historical places in India’s struggle for Freedom</i> will be organized at MyGov platform.	15.2.22 to 31.5.22	DoSEL, NCERT, SCERTs and MyGov
5.	Evaluation	NCERT will evaluate the national level entries for the writing activity.	1.6. 2022 to 1.7. 2022	MyGov and NCERT
6.	Result Announcement	The result of the national activity will be announced by the DoSEL, Ministry of Education through the Ministry’s official twitter handle.	14 th August, 2022	NCERT and Department of School Education & Literacy, MoE

In addition, an Online/offline classroom activity for grade 1 to 5 students at School level from **01.8.21 to 31.3.22** may also be organised wherein **Grandparents, Elders, Local Guardian, Local Freedom Fighter, Community Leader, Sarpanch/Panch/Sadasya, Block Pramukh, teachers** etc will engage children in the understanding of India’s Freedom struggle through various activities, such as group work, role plays, quizzes, patriotic songs, etc.

4. Participation Guidelines: State level

- ✓ The writing activity is open for students of classes 6th to 12th studying in State Boards’ schools and schools under Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).
- ✓ States/UTs may choose any language out of the 22 languages scheduled in the constitution of India for School, Block, District and State level activity.
- ✓ States/Districts may also choose online/offline/both modes for the writing competitions.
- ✓ The evaluation of the entries at school level will be done by the school concerned.
- ✓ The evaluation of entries at district level will be undertaken by authorized groups of CRC/BRCs.
- ✓ The evaluation of entries at state level shall be organized by the SCERTs.

5. Participation Guidelines: National level

- ✓ The competition is open to all citizens of India only.
- ✓ All entries must be submitted on www.MyGov.in (link will be informed timely to the states). Entries submitted through any other medium/mode would not be considered for evaluation.
- ✓ A participant can send one entry only. In case it is found that any participant has submitted more than one entry, all entries will be considered as invalid.
- ✓ The participant must be the same person who has written the activity.
- ✓ The entry should be original. Copied entries will not be considered under the contest.
- ✓ Please note that the creative entries must be original and should not violate any provisions of the Indian Copyright Act, 1957
- ✓ Anyone found infringing on others copyright would be disqualified from the activity. Government of India does not bear any responsibility for copyright violations or infringements of intellectual property carried out by the participants.
- ✓ Mention of the author name /emails etc. anywhere in the body of the writing activity's entry will lead to disqualification
- ✓ Participants are to make sure that their MyGov Profile is accurate and updated since Ministry of Education would be using this for further communication. This includes details such as name, photo, complete postal address, email ID and phone number. Entries with incomplete profiles would not be considered.
- ✓ Ministry of Education reserves the right to cancel or amend all or any part of the competition/or the Term and Conditions/Technical Parameters/ Evaluation Criteria.
- ✓ All the writings should be submitted in readable font of Hindi/English at National level.
- ✓ Font size should be 12 for English and 14 for Hindi
- ✓ Line spacing should be 1.15 only
- ✓ Font Style should be Times New Roman in English and Kruti dev 016 (Devanagri) in Hindi.
- ✓ The evaluation of entries will be done by persons authorized by NCERT.

- ✓ Any changes to the Terms and Conditions/Technical Parameters/Evaluation Criteria, or cancellation of the contest, will be updated/posted on the Mygov Platform. It would be the responsibility of the participant to keep themselves informed of any changes in the Term& Conditions/Technical Parameters/ Evaluation Criteria stated for this Contest.

6. Important dates:

The writing activity 2021-22 shall commence on 22ndJuly, 2021 at school level and will culminate on 31st May, 2022.

7. Mode of Submission:

The entries for Writing Activity at national level shall be submitted at the website- www.MyGov.in after selection at the State level from 15th February, 2022 onwards only. However, Schools, Districts and States/UTs may devise their own modalities for entries submission.

8. Awards & Recognition:

- ✓ The three best entries in each topic at the national level will get a certificate each.
- ✓ The best 75 entries will get a chance to feature in an e-book consisting of a compilation of these entries, which may be released by the NCERT later.
- ✓ Participation certificates will be given to all the participants.
- ✓ The winners will be announced through Ministry of Education's official twitter handle.
- ✓ Schools, Blocks, Districts and States/UTs may also provide certificates to all the participants under – Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava writing competition, 2021-22.

9. Evaluation criteria at National Level:

Writings will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

i. Content and understanding of the theme: 50% weightage.

- ✓ Participants, while developing their writings should keep in mind that they are writing a factual and historical text on the given themes, in a creative manner.
- ✓ The facts, figures, characters and the experience should be original and presented in such a way that they relate to or originate from the event, persons, experience and practice.

- ✓ Writings should be written based on facts and not as just an imaginative essay of events.
- ✓ So, 50% of the marking would be on the contents i.e. Ideas, presentation and characterization.
- ii. **Accuracy: 25% weightage.**
 - ✓ Accuracy is the correct and appropriate use of language in the writings.
 - ✓ Writings and its events, characters, ideas and themes could be presented in any way and means, but language of the writings need to be correct and appropriate.
 - ✓ 25% of the assessment will be on the correct / apt use of language.
- iii. **Fluency:25%weightage.**
 - ✓ Fluency is one's ability to write with natural flow, style and rhythm. Use of vocabulary, phrases (use of idioms, proverbs as appropriate to the writings) adapting to the narration and style (narrative technique).
 - ✓ Therefore, 25% of the weightage would be given to style and presentation of the writings on the suggested themes.

10. Contest for Autonomous bodies of DoSEL:

- ✓ NIOS shall have this contest directly for students, and 200 of its best entries shall be sent for national level competition.
- ✓ CBSE, KVS and JNV shall have this contest at their school level, followed by Regional Office level. 200 of each of their best entries shall then be sent for competing at the national level.
