



PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL
Promoting the welfare of Public Officers and their families

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From: *Organising Secretary, Public Officers' Welfare Council*
To: *Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments*

ESSAY COMPETITION 2021

The United Nations Literacy Day is celebrated annually to raise people's awareness of and concern for literacy issues in the world. On International Literacy Day each year, UNESCO reminds the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally. In this context, the **Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC)** is organising its annual Essay Competition on the theme:

'Bridging the literacy gap: The Digital Divide.'

1. Participation is open to all public officers. A set of guidelines pertaining to the competition is annexed.
2. Cash prizes of **Rs 10,000, Rs 7,000 and Rs 5,000** together with souvenir trophies will be awarded respectively to the best three entries. The date of the prize-giving ceremony will be communicated in due course.
3. Participants will have to submit one **soft copy** of their essay script on **PDF format** by **email** on **powc@govmu.org**, as specified in the set of guidelines (**Annex A**) by **Friday 05 November 2021 by 1500 hours at latest**.
4. Moreover, participants should send by **email** the duly filled-in participation form (**Annex B**) together with a scanned copy of a recent payslip or top part of the payslip, indicating the name, paysite code and a copy of their National Identity Card number or any written document/ evidence attesting that the participant is a serving public officer.
5. Participants are encouraged to call the Secretariat of the POWC to ensure receipt of their script.
6. It would be appreciated if the content of this circular letter could be brought to the attention of all officers serving in your Ministry/Department.
7. This circular has also been posted on the website of the POWC: **http://powc.govmu.org**.
8. For any additional information, the secretariat may be contacted on telephone numbers: **208-6658 or 208-0157**.

S. Bundhoo
for Organising Secretary

Copy to: **Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations**



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Title: *'Bridging the literacy gap: The Digital Divide.'*

Guidelines

1. The Essay Competition is open to **Public Officers** only.
2. The Essay should be between 2000 and 2500 words (excluding bibliography) in English, type written and double line spacing, using any one of the following fonts with font size 12:
 - **Times New Roman**
 - **Calibri**
3. Any reference to relevant material and to full text online database should be appended under bibliography.
4. Each participant should use a **pen name** which should appear on the **top right hand corner** of the **first page of the essay** and the script should be submitted in **PDF Format** by **email** on **powc@govmu.org**.
5. Deadline for submission is **Friday 05 November 2021** by **1500 hours at latest**.
6. The essays will be assessed by a panel of adjudicators. The decision of the panel will be final and binding.
7. Plagiarism will be heavily penalised and may result in the disqualification of a participant.
8. The main criteria for the marking of scripts will be on the basis of:
 - (a) **Relevance**
 - (b) **Language and style**
 - (c) **Presentation;**
 - (d) **Originality; and**
 - (e) **Research**
9. The submitted essays will become the property of the POWC which will have all rights thereon, including its publication.



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Essay Competition 2021

PARTICIPATION FORM

Name of Participant:

(Mr/Mrs/Miss)

Ministry/ Department:

Designation:

Office Address:

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Residence Address:

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Mob No:

Res No:

Office Tel No:

Fax No:

Email Address:

Pen Name:

Date:.....

Signature:.....