

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **1. General conditions and guidelines for participants**

- Participant must be the sole author and owner of the content submitted and the same should not have been previously published in any print and digital media.
- The entry must not contain any provocative, objectionable or inappropriate content.
- There is no registration or participation fee.
- Multiple entries are not allowed.
- The Consulate
  - o Will have exclusive rights to use the essays as and when required.
  - o Reserves the right to reject any entry if found ineligible.
- Responsibility for violation of any copyright and intellectual property rights will lie solely with the participant and the Consulate will not be held responsible for any such violations or infringement. In case such a violation is reported at any stage in the contest, the participant will be disqualified and will have to return any cash prize, trophy, and/or certificate.
- The participants will be required to submit the [registration form](#) along with their entry with personal particulars.

### **2. Technical Requirements**

- Between 800 - 1200 words.
- Language: English, Hindi and Punjabi
- PDF file format only.
- Fonts to be used: Book Antiqua or Cambria or Times New Roman.
- Line spacing to be 1.15
- Font size 12.
- Paper Margins allowing 1-inch margins on all four sides and justify text on both sides.

### **3. Submissions**

- All entries should reach us by 30 April 2022.
- Entries can be uploaded online at ( [Link](#) )

### **4. Panel of Judges**

The panel of judges is responsible for the judgment of participants' works. The decisions in each round of the competition will be final.

### **5. Declaration of Prizes**

- Winners cannot request substitutions of prizes.
- Participants give their consent to be contacted by the Consulate for discussion of any matters pertaining to the competition.

- Participants give their consent for their names to be used on the website or Social media or any other channel under the discretion of the Consulate.

## **6. Copyright**

- By submitting materials, participant represents and warrants that the contents do not infringe any copyright, trademark, property rights, rights of privacy or publicity of any person, or any other right of any third party and that the participant has the full and unrestricted right to transfer the materials free and clear of any claims or encumbrances.
- The Consulate is not liable for any legal responsibilities due to participants' negligence.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

- Upon submission of their registration form or works, participants acknowledge their compliance with the terms, rules and regulations.
- Participants must follow/obey the Consulate arrangements; otherwise, the Consulate has the right to recall the eligibility of the participants or award. Those who copied others' works, or the like, will take the responsibility on their own.
- The decisions of the panel of judges will be final. No appeal will be allowed.
- The Consulate has the ultimate authority to interpret the rules and regulations and has the right to make any changes to them as necessary.
- Any changes to the rules and regulations for the competition will be updated on the website and posted on social media handles.