



Center of Excellence for  
Digital Farming Solutions for Enhancing Productivity by  
Robots, Drones and AGV's (DFSRDA)

National Essay Competition  
On

**“Adoption of Digital Technologies by Indian Farmers  
During and After COVID-19 Pandemic”**

On the occasion of  
**National Farmer's Day**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**



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## INTRODUCTION

National Agricultural Higher Education project, VNMKV, Parbhani is glad to announce an essay competition for PG students, Ph.D. students and Faculty on the theme “Adoption of Digital Technologies by Indian Farmers During and After COVID-19 Pandemic”. This competition will provide a platform to the participants to explore their views about the new digital technologies adopted by the farmers to stop the loss and increase their income during the pandemic and even after pandemic.

## GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

1. The essay competition is open to all (above UG level) and categorized into following groups:
  1. **Category I: Agriculture PG Students**
  2. **Category II: Agriculture Ph.D. Students**
  3. **Category III: Agriculture Faculty**
  4. **Category IV: Open**
2. The essay should be within 1000 words.
3. The essay should not exceed word limit. This would lead to disqualification.
4. Mode of Submission:
  - ✓ The participants should submit their write up in pdf file format only.
  - ✓ Write up text should be submitted in readable font of **Marathi/ Hindi/ English**.
  - ✓ Font size should be 12 for English and 14 for Marathi and Hindi.
  - ✓ Line spacing should be 1.5 only.

## TIMELINE:

**Last date of Submission 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020; 11:59 PM**

## CRITERIA OF SELECTION

NAHEP-CAAST-DFSRDA may form a Committee of experts to examine the entries.

All the entries received within the due date will be placed before a Selection Committee for final selection. The decision of the Selection Committee will be final and binding on all the contestants.

Any legal proceedings arising out of the competition/its entries/ winners shall be subject to jurisdiction of NAHEP-CAAST-DFSRDA, VNMKV, Parbhani only.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All entries must be submitted by the mode of Google form. Entries submitted through any other medium would not be considered for evaluation.
- All participants can send one entry only. In case it is found that any participant has submitted more than one entry, all the entries will be considered as invalid.
- The entry should be original. Copied entries will not be considered under the contest.
- The participant must be the same person who has written the write-up and plagiarism would not be accepted.
- Please note that the Essay must be original and should not violate any provision of the Indian Copyright Act, 1957.
- Anyone found infringing on others' copyright would be disqualified from the competition. NAHEP-CAAST-DFSRDA, VNMKV, Parbhani does not bear any responsibility for copyright violations or infringements of intellectual property carried out by the participants.
- Mention of the authors name/emails, etc. anywhere in the body of the essay will lead to disqualification.
- NAHEP-CAAST-DFSRDA, VNMKV, Parbhani reserves the right to cancel or amend all or any part of the Competition and/ or the Terms & Conditions/Technical Parameters/ Evaluation Criteria.

## CRITERIA OF EVALUATION

- The write-ups will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:
- Central Theme – contextual (20%)
- Clarity in language expression and Style (20%)
- Coherence and organization in structure (20%)
- Creativity (40%)

## CERTIFICATION AND PRIZES

**First Prize: Rs. 3000/-**

**Second Prize: Rs. 2000/-**

**Third Prize: Rs. 1000/-**. In each category

However, participation certificates shall be issued by NAHEP-CAAST-DFSRDA, VNMKV, Parbhani for all participants who submit their essays.

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## REGISTRATION



<https://forms.gle/NhehQ5nA2Rkh34zY9>

Registration is open till 31st December 2020 (11.59 PM)

There is **No** registration Fees for this Competition

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## ORGANIZATION

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