



Scientific Essay Writing Competition

Organised by IPHA (AIIMS Delhi Branch & NMO (Delhi Branch)

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We are pleased to inform you that we have finalized the results of the scientific essay competition organized by IPHA-AIIMS branch and NMO Delhi branch from August to November 2021.

Theme – “Do we need to vaccinate every child against COVID-19?”

The winners are as follows:

Prize	Winner's name
First	Aakash Chandran C (Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research)
Second	Prabha Thangaraj (Trichy SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre)
	Rohan Sangam (LTMMC & GH Sion, Mumbai)
Third	Alapan Bandyopadhyay (North Bengal Medical College and Hospital)
	Saurabh Mahajan (Armed Forces Medical College, Pune)
	Samudyatha U C (Government Medical College, Surat)

The list of winners is available on the IPHA Website.

We congratulate the winners and thank everyone for their enthusiastic participation.

Process details:

We received about 300 essays in total. The essays were screened to check whether the guidelines for submission were followed or not. About 100 articles were rejected at this level.

The first round of evaluation

All the essays were evaluated by the esteemed judges in the first round. Each essay was reviewed by two judges. Essays were evaluated under the following headings -

Introduction: Scoping of the issue involved, Global recommendation on vaccination of children

Review of literature: Critical appraisal of available evidence including natural infection.

Synthesis of evidence on advantages and disadvantages of vaccination in the Indian context

Conclusion: whether logical and well supported by the evidence cited

Style: language, articulation and referencing

The list of the judges for the first round of evaluation is as follows (names in alphabetical order):

1	Dr Arti Gupta Reddy	15	Dr Sonu Goel
2	Dr Arvind Kumar Singh	16	Dr. Akhil Dhanesh Goel
3	Dr Ayush Lohiya	17	Dr. Anita Shankar Acharya
4	Dr Binod K. Patro	18	Dr. Dilip Kumar Das
5	Dr Forhad Akhtar Zaman	19	Dr. Lena Charlette
6	Dr Harshal Salve	20	Dr. Neeti Goswami
7	Dr Mohan Bairwa	21	Dr. Nitika
8	Dr Neeraj Agarwal	22	Dr. Rakesh Kakkar
9	Dr Pankaj Bhardwaj	23	Dr. Rakesh Kumar
10	Dr Pradeep Aggarwal	24	Dr. Rama Shankar Rath
11	Dr Pragya Sinha	25	Dr. Somdatta patra
12	Dr Rajesh kumar	26	Dr. Sumit Malhotra
13	Dr Santosh Kumar verma	27	Dr. Vaman Kulkarni
14	Dr Sarbjeet Khurana	28	Dr. Venkatasshivareddy. B

After the first round of evaluation, the top 35 essays were checked for plagiarism and essays with less than 10% plagiarism were selected.

The final round of evaluation

The top 20 essays were sent for the final round of evaluation. Each essay was reviewed by 5 judges who are senior public health specialists.

The list of judges for the second round of evaluation is as follows (names in alphabetical order):

Dr AC Dhariwal	Dr Sanjay Chaturvedi
Dr Amitabh Banerjee	Dr Sanjay K Rai
Dr DCS Reddy	Dr Sanjiv Kumar Dixit
Dr N K Arora	Dr Shashi Kant
Dr Rajib Dasgupta	Dr Vijender Singh

Thanking you,

Dr Sanjay Kumar Rai
President, IPHA

Dr Sanghamitra Ghosh
Secretary General, IPHA