



World Habitat Day, 2011 - Essay Competition

As a part of World Habitat Day celebrations in 2011, National Housing Bank is organizing an essay competition, keeping in mind the theme of the World Habitat Day 2010, viz. "Cities and Climate Change". The topics of the essay competition are:

- a. Cities of Opportunities: Sustainable future through Appropriate Housing.
- b. Housing and Housing Finance – A Lever for Sustainable Cities of the Future.
- c. Sustainable Housing through Green Mortgages

Participants can choose any one of the topics. The essay may be either in English or Hindi and should not be of more than 5000 words.

Eligibility:

The competition is open to employees of Housing Finance Companies (HFCs), Banks, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and All India Level Financial Institutions **only**.

Entries:

The last date for receipt of the entry is January 31, 2012. **Three copies of the Essay** (an original copy and two photocopies) in A-4 size paper in an envelope super scribing "**World Habitat Day, 2011 - Essay Competition**" should be sent to

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Prizes:

1 st Prize	Rs. 20,000/-
2 nd Prize	Rs. 15,000/-
3 rd Prize	Rs. 10,000/-

Consolation Prizes (3) Rs. 5,000/- each

Besides, certificates will also be given to winners and NHB shall include the prize winning entries in a publication to be released during the next World Habitat Day celebrations.

Other Terms and Conditions:

- i. The entry should be original and should not have been published earlier. **The contestant has to furnish a signed declaration to this effect along with the entry.**
- ii. **Word limit set for the essay should be strictly adhered to.**
- iii. **Winners of the World Habitat Day Essay Competitions organized during the last three years are not eligible to apply in this competition.**
- iv. Entries received after January 31, 2012 will not be considered.
- v. All references and materials from other sources should be duly acknowledged.
- vi. The participants should not write their names or put their signatures on any page of the entry.
- vii. The participants should furnish their full postal address along with contact number, e-mail ID on the covering letter of the entry.
- viii. The entries will be examined by an independent panel of judges appointed by the National Housing Bank. The decision of the judges shall be final.
- ix. An essay may be contributed by one or more persons jointly.

Declaration of result:

National Housing Bank shall inform the prize winners individually as well as through their respective institutions. The prizes will be distributed during the World Habitat Day Celebrations in 2012. All outstation winners will be paid TA to enable them to receive their prizes personally at the venue of the function.

[Details are also available on our web-site www.nhb.org.in]

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