



**Essay Competition for Officers of Housing Finance Companies for “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” and “World Habitat Day”**

NHB as part of the **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Activities and World Habitat Day** is organizing an essay competition for officers of Housing Finance Companies.

2. The theme/topic is based on both the **Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav (Celebrating 75 Years of Independence)** and **World Habitat Day 2021**.

1. **75 Years of Independence - Achievements and Way forward for Housing in India**
2. **Energy Efficient Housing in India – Challenges and Opportunities**
3. **Realizing the dream of Affordable Housing in India**
4. **Reverse Mortgage : Potential and Institutional Constraints**

The essay may be either in English or Hindi and should not be more than 2000 words. The Hindi guidelines are attached separately.

**Eligibility:**

The competition is open only for the Officers of Housing Finance Companies (HFCs).

**Entries:**

The soft copy of the essay may be mailed as an attachment to NHB at [niladri.bose@nhb.org.in](mailto:niladri.bose@nhb.org.in) or [sukriti.wadhwa@nhb.org.in](mailto:sukriti.wadhwa@nhb.org.in). The subject line of the mail should bear “**Essay Competition for Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav (Celebrating 75 Years of Independence) and World Habitat Day 2021**”.

The last date for receipt of essay is October 02, 2021.

**Prizes:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	₹ 25,000/-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	₹ 15,000/-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	₹ 10,000/-
Consolation Prizes:	10 prizes of ₹2,500/- each

**Other Terms and Conditions:**

- i. The entry should be original and should not have been published earlier.
- ii. The officers of the HFCs has to furnish a signed declaration to this effect along with the entry stating that the essay has not been published and the declaration shall be attached as a scanned copy along with the covering mail.

The declaration should state "I hereby declare that this essay is original and has not been published" Further, the officer must mention their name, the name of the HFC, essay topic along with their contact number on the cover e-mail.

- iii. However, the name of the officer and HFC should not be mentioned anywhere inside the essay. No handwritten entry will be accepted. Further, the essay should be in font Arial with font size 12 with 1.15 spacing for English.
- iv. NHB reserves the right for the Award winning essays and other select essays to be published as a compendium as an e-publication/publication. Due credit shall be provided to the author of the essay.
- v. Word limit set for the essay should be strictly adhered to.
- vi. Entries received after 12.00 pm on Saturday, October 02,2021 will not be considered.
- vii. All references and materials from other sources should be duly acknowledged.
- viii. The entries will be examined by a panel of judges appointed by the National Housing Bank.

**Declaration of result:**

National Housing Bank shall inform the prize winners and the prizes will be distributed on a date as decided in due course.

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