

PRESS RELEASE

IInd Edition of ICG-Goa University Essay Competition 2016 “IDEAS UNLEASHED” launched at ICG

Topic: ‘Raising the Standard of Higher Education in Goa: Challenges & Solutions’

The IInd edition of ICG-Goa University Essay Competition 2016 - under the banner “IDEAS UNLEASHED” was launched at a Press Conference, on Tuesday 30th August 2016 at The International Centre Goa, Dona Paula by Professor Varun Sahni - Vice Chancellor of Goa University and Mr. Yatin Kakodkar - President of the Board of Trustees of ICG. Ideas Unleashed 2016 is supported by Mr. Dattaraj Salgaocar, Chairman of V.M. Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education and Vice President of the Board of Trustees of ICG. The topic for the essay competition is ‘Raising the Standard of Higher Education in Goa: Challenges & Solutions’.

The official poster and rules of the Competition were also released at this Press Conference.

The competition is open to the students currently enrolled with Goa University, colleges affiliated to Goa University, BITS (Goa Campus), Goa Institute of Management (GIM), National Institute of Technology Goa and Indian Institute of Technology Goa, upto the age of 25 years.

The top three ranked essays will receive cash prizes as follows:

First Rs. 25,000 (Rs. twenty-five thousand)

Second Rs. 20,000 (Rs. twenty thousand)

Third Rs. 15,000 (Rs. fifteen thousand)

The Essay, of not more than 2500 words, should be submitted before 31st October 2016.

Essays should focus on identify the key obstacles and challenges and propose workable solutions, emphasizing more on what can be done rather than what ought to be done. What concrete steps can the state government take to improve the quality of higher education? How can employability of Goa graduates be improved? What role can the private sector play? What about the main stakeholders - the students themselves or even the larger community? How could Goa stand out in the higher education scenario at the national level?

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