

## PRESS RELEASE

### **1<sup>st</sup> ICG-Goa University Essay Competition 2014 “IDEAS UNLEASHED” launched by Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar & Dr. Satish Shetye at ICG**

**Topic: Innovative Ideas for Raising Goa’s Human Development Index to the Very High Human Development Group Level By 2025: Role of Government and Society**

The 1<sup>st</sup> ICG-Goa University Essay Competition 2014 - under the newly created banner “IDEAS UNLEASHED” was launched at a Press Conference, on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at The International Centre Goa by **Dr. Raghunath A Mashelkar** - former Director General of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), National Research Professor, Chancellor, AcSIR & President, Global Research Alliance, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory and Life Trustee of ICG, and **Dr. Satish Shetye** – Vice Chancellor of Goa University and former Director of National Institute of Oceanography. The logo, poster and rules of the Competition were also released at this Press Conference. **Mr. Yatin Kakodkar** – President of the Board of Trustees of ICG and **Ms. Nandini Sahai** – Director of ICG were also present.

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) and National Institute of Technology Goa, who are in the age group 18-25 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

A Screening Committee constituted by ICG and Goa University will first review the essays received. The selected essays will be submitted to a panel of judges for final review. The panel of judges will be selected by ICG and Goa University. The decision of the screening committee and the panel of judges will be final and binding on the participant.

Essays should focus on boosting education, health and income, and should display critical and original thinking, solid arguments, and offer innovative solutions and creative, even out-of-the box ideas, which will inspire decision-makers in Government of Goa, academics, policy-makers, media and civil society. Without being a critique of the Human Development Report 2013 and the India Human Development Report 2011, the essay should cover the role of Government and Society in raising Goa’s human development to the level of the ‘very high human development group’ by 2025.

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