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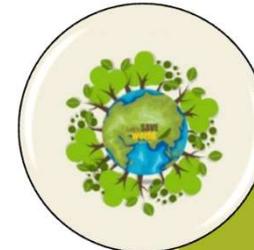
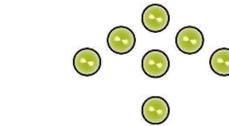
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NANHI CHHAAN OBJECTIVES

The Nanhi Chhaan National School Essay Contest (NSEC) is a national competition held on an annual basis - a first of its kind initiative by Nanhi Chhaan. It is an awareness and skill building platform with the aim of spreading awareness on important social issues amongst young audiences.

Essay topics are chosen around some of the important issues on the social agenda of the country. For the **Eleventh** year, the topic selected was **‘Greed Overtakes Need – Is a reset necessary.’**



Save Environment



Save Girl Child



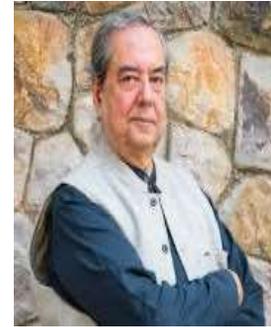
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Dignitaries at the 11th Essay Contest



Mr. Harpal Singh
(Chairman Nanhi Chhaan
Foundation)



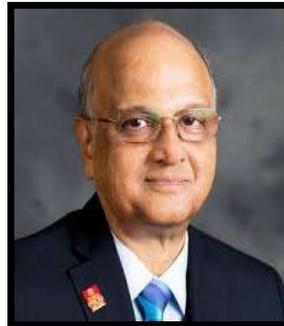
CHIEF GUEST

Mr. Ashok Khosla
(Environmentalist)

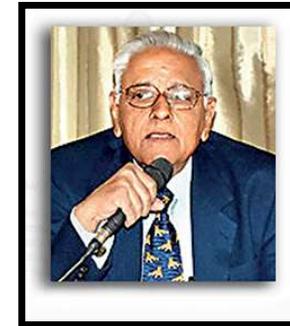
OUR JUDGES



**Ms. Priyadarshini Raje
Scindia**
(Social Worker)



Mr. Gulam A. Vahanvaty
(Philanthropist)



**Dr. Divyabhanusinh
Chavda**
(Social Worker)

The Chairman's Message



Mr. Harpal Singh
Chairman – Nanhi
Chhaan Foundation

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Nanhi Chhaan Foundation!!

Ever since we started the Nanhi Chhaan National Essay Contest in 2013, we have received an overwhelming response from schools and students across the country. As you would know, last year, on the successful completion of the 10th edition of the Contest, the essay contest program was particularly impressive with it being co-hosted by three of Dehradun's, and the country's, most prominent schools viz The Welham Girls School, The Welham Boys School and the Doon School.

This year in our 11th edition, the programme was co-hosted by Navrachana International School in Vadodara, Gujarat. Approximately 50,000 students from all States of the country wrote on the topic: **“Greed overtakes Need - Is a reset necessary?”**. We envisaged The Nanhi Chhaan National Essay Contest as a platform for the youth of the country to engage on and subsequently advocate for some of the most fundamental issues facing our society today. To make such a platform effective and resonant, we will continue to reach out to a large swathe of the school-going population so that the issues we raise and debate create a strength of voice and thought that becomes difficult to be ignored.



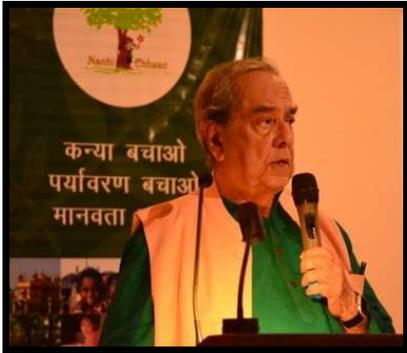
The Chairman's Message

Some of the memorable moments of this years essay contest event began with the two sessions with our esteemed panel of judges, Dr. Divyabhanusinh Chavda, Mrs. Priyadarshini Raje Scindia and Mr. Gulam A. Vahanvaty. The conversations with students and the finalists unquestionably provided enough food for thought for many years into the future. A real highlight of the programme was an exciting visit to the Statue of Unity - the worlds tallest statue. The tour included the impressive sound and light show providing a memorable cultural experience.

The Navrachana school auditorium saw the final event where the host school enacted a wonderful dance and skit on the Nanhi Chhaan objectives of protecting girls and empowering women, planting trees and protecting the environment and of promoting inter faith harmony touched hearts like little else. You can be proud of your students, as we were, as one parent and teacher said on hearing the students, “ We are happy the country is in good hands “.

A real highlight of course was the presence of Mr Ashok Khosla as chief guest for the two day event. His sharing of thoughts on his life and on the environment and sustainability, is a lesson to be learnt by us all.

The growth and reach that we have witnessed in just 11 years reinforces our ambition to making this essay contest a platform for change and next year we hope to substantially improve participation. The help of well wishers is acknowledged with thanks, with the hope that similar support will be forthcoming in coming years as well.



Mr. Ashok Khosla
(Environmentalist)

The 2024 Nanhi Chhan Essay Contest, appropriately hosted by the Navrachana International School in Vadodara, an institute manifestly dedicated to excellence and relevance in education, brought together young minds from across India to address one of the most pressing challenges of our time - the climate crisis. It was inspiring for the essay judges and guests to hear from students of different ages and from diverse backgrounds demonstrating their deep understanding of environmental issues and present innovative solutions through their thoughtful essays and spoken interventions.. The participants showed remarkable awareness of climate change impacts, from rising sea levels and extreme weather events to human lives and livelihoods, affecting their own communities.

In their writings, the students articulated not just concern, but also hope and determination to create positive change through sustainable practices, adoption of renewable energy, conservation of biodiversity and community engagement. Many essays highlighted the importance of indigenous knowledge and local solutions, proving that our youth understand the importance of combining traditional wisdom with modern approaches. This platform provided an outstanding opportunity for students to engage in meaningful dialogue, exchange ideas, and learn from one another, fostering a deep sense of responsibility and collective action. The passion and insight demonstrated by these young writers gives us confidence that the next generation is well-equipped to tackle the environmental challenges ahead and lead us toward a more sustainable and resilient future.



Dr. Divyabhanusinh Chavda
(Social Worker)

The Nanhi Chhaan Foundation's Essay Competition is a remarkable programme of talent spotting in young minds. It was a privilege for me to be a part of this year's contest. I was amazed to see the youngsters interacting with us. They displayed remarkable insights into the subject of the essays with their own take on it which speaks not only of the meticulous selection process of the Foundation, but also it is a testament of the young talent in the students themselves. The programme in Vadodara was faultlessly organized by the Foundation. My congratulations to you all.

It is heartening to record my impression that with the talent we saw in the young students, leads me to conclude that there is no doubt that they will play a significant part in the future of our country. My hearty congratulations and good wishes for the programme and the Foundation in times to come



Dr. Divyabhanusinh Chavda
(Social Worker)

My Dear Harpal and Team,

I once again thank you for the privilege of being invited for the Nanhi Chhaan Essay Competition in Vadodara. It was an enlightening experience and which will remain etched in my memory for a long time.

The organizing by you and your team was meticulous to the last detail. The school also provided an appropriate setting for the contest. The interaction with the 15 finalists was very uplifting with the realization that the future of our great nation is in safe hands.

You and your Team should be very proud of the success of the 'Nanhi Chhaan' Essay competition in Vadodara.

The Principal's Message



Theophane D'Souza
Principal
Navrachana International
School, Vadodara - IB

It was an absolute honour to host the grand finale of the Nanhi Chhaan National Essay Writing Competition, a platform that empowers young minds to engage with the pressing issues of our time.

The selection of the top 15 essays from over 30,000 submissions for the grand finale is a true testament to the talent and passion of our youth across the country. During the finale, these exceptional students had the opportunity to present their ideas, engage in meaningful discussions, and demonstrate their understanding on a new and thought-provoking topic. The finale was not just a celebration of the winners but a celebration of the power of words, a celebration of the journey of learning and exploration.

It was also a great honour for NISV to have had the esteemed presence of Dr. Khosla as the Chief Guest, along with Her Highness Mrs. Priyadarshini Raje Scindia, Mr. Gulam Vahanvaty, and Dr. Divyabhanusinh Chavda, who served as judges for the event. Their erudite interaction with the finalists and the senior students of NISV was an immense source of inspiration to us all, as they shared their own journeys as change makers.

NISV was both honoured and grateful to have been a part of the inspiring Nanhi Chhaan movement, founded by Mr. Harpal Singh, which continues to be a true 'force for good.'

Let us continue to celebrate the spirit of inquiry and expression that Nanhi Chhaan embodies.



Winners of 11th Nanhi Chhaan School Essay Contest



Anubhav Verma
YPS, Patiala

Cash Prize (Student) – INR 30,000
Cash Prize (School) – INR 15,000
NGO (Selected by Student) –
15,000



Ayaan Shah
The Scindia School
Gwalior

Cash Prize (Student) – INR 20,000
Cash Prize (School) – INR 10,000
NGO (Selected by Student) –
10,000



Prizes for all the Participants - Titan Smart Watch

Prizes for 30 of the best – 4 Days Personality development programme sponsored by NU (NIIT University) at their Neemrana Campus, Rajasthan.



Navrachana International School, Vadodara



Welcomes the Dignitaries to

11th Nanhi Chhaan National School Essay Contest, 2024



Mr. Harpal Singh
Chairman
Nanhi Chhaan Foundation



Ms. Priyadarshini Raju Scindia
Eminent Social Worker



Dr. Divyabhanush Charda
Historian, Author and
Conservationist



Mr. Gulam A. Yahanvati
Eminent Philanthropist



Dr. Ashok Khosla
Chairman
Development Alternatives





Dance Performance



Play on Girl Child



Judges interaction with Finalists



Group Song

2014 - Dowry is illegal & immoral

2015 - Gender equality is the only way forward

2016 - Refugees are our collective concern

2017 - Child marriage – it must be stopped

2018 - Empowering women – will society benefit?

Our
Journey
In **11**
years

(Essay
Topics)

2019 - How to promote greater harmony amongst different religions?

2020 - Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Society and Environment

2021 - How can compassion heal humanity and the planet

2022 – Indian Culture What does it Mean

2023 – Diversity is the Essence of India

2024 – Greed Overtakes Need – Is a reset necessary

2014 – Maneckshaw Centre –
New Delhi

2015 - Vasant Valley School –
Vasant Kunj

2016 - Vasant Valley School –
Vasant Kunj

2017 - Sri Sankara School -
Chennai

2018 - Sri Sankara School -
Chennai

2019 - The Kalyani
School - Pune

Our
Journey
In **11**
years

(Host
Schools)

2020 – The Kalyani School –
Pune Online

2021 - The Kalyani School –
Pune Online

2022 - The Scindia School
Gwalior

2023 - The Doon School,
Welham Girls' School, Welham
Boys' School

2024 – The Navrachana
International School - Vadodara

Statue of Unity- Gujarat



Mr. Gulam A. Vahanvaty, Ms. Priyadarshini Raje Scindia, Mr. Harpal Singh, Mr. Ashok Khosla, Dr. Divyabhanusinh Chavda, Theophane D'Souza



Top 15 Finalists



Rajendra S Pawar
(Chairman & Co – Founder
NIIT Ltd.)

Top 30 Participants got the opportunity to be a part of the 4 Days NIIT University Personality Development Programme at Neemrana



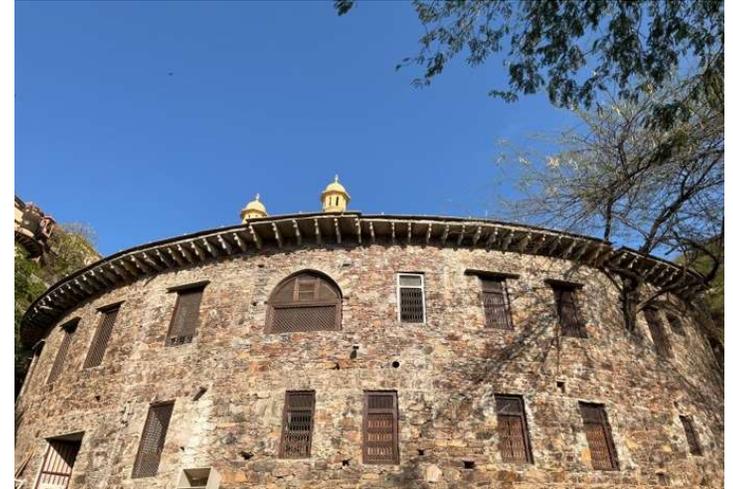


Interactive Sessions by NIIT University Professors





A Trip to Neemrana Fort





Listening Tree – A session with Mr. R.S Pawar
– Chairman NIIT Ltd.



PRESS RELEASE

City school to host essay contest finale

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Vadodara: City-based Navrachana International School will host the grand finale of the '11th Nanhi Chhaan National School Essay Contest 2024' on Nov 13.

The national-level school essay contest is an initiative of Nanhi Chhaan Foundation to promote lateral thinking at the grassroots level by creating awareness of social issues and concerns.

The semi-finals of the contest will be held on Nov 11, when the shortlisted finalists will write an essay on a topic that will be shared on the spot. On Nov 13, a panel discussion will be conducted with the fina-

lists, and based on the overall assessment by jury members, the winners will be announced.

The topic for this year's contest was 'Greed overtakes need - Is a reset necessary?' and saw participation from 30,000 students representing 200 schools from across the country.

EVENT ON NOV 13

Two essays from each school were selected after independent assessment, and shortlisted essays were then assessed by professors of Delhi University and Ashoka University. The finale will be graced by Ashok Khosla, chairman, Nanhi Chhaan Foundation; Harpal Singh, chairman, Nanhi Chhaan Foundation; Tejal Amin, executive chairperson and others.



વડોદરા-સિટી ભાસ્કર 14-11-2024

નવરચના સ્કૂલમાં રાષ્ટ્ર સ્તરીય નિબંધ સ્પર્ધા યોજાઈ



વડોદરા : રાષ્ટ્ર સ્તરીય નિબંધ સ્પર્ધા નાની છાંનો ફાઈનલ રાઉન્ડ શહેરની નવરચના ઈન્ટરનેશનલ સ્કૂલમાં યોજાયો હતો. આ પ્રસંગે નાની છાંના હરદીપપુરી, જાણીતા સામાજિક કાર્યકર્તા પ્રિયદર્શિની રાજે સિંધિયા, માનવતાવાદી ગુલામ વહાવટી અને ઈતિહાસકાર ડો. દિવ્યભાનુસિંહ ચાવડા હાજર રહ્યાં હતા. આ સ્પર્ધાના વિજેતા વિદ્યાર્થીઓને ટ્રોફી અને પ્રાર્થના અપાયા હતા.

દેશની ૨૦૦ શાળાઓના ૩૦,૦૦૦ વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ ભાગ લીધો

નેશનલ સ્કૂલ નિબંધ સ્પર્ધાની ફાઈનલ NISV ખાતે યોજાઈ

સંદેશ
કોલેની નવરચના ઈન્ટરનેશનલ સ્કૂલ ખાતે ૧૩મી નાની છાંને સ્તરીય નિબંધ સ્પર્ધાનો ૨૦૨૪ના ગ્રાન્ડ ફિનાલનો આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. આ પ્રસંગે નાની છાંના હરદીપપુરી, જાણીતા સામાજિક કાર્યકર્તા પ્રિયદર્શિની રાજે સિંધિયા, માનવતાવાદી ગુલામ વહાવટી અને ઈતિહાસકાર ડો. દિવ્યભાનુસિંહ ચાવડા હાજર રહ્યાં હતા. આ સ્પર્ધાના વિજેતા વિદ્યાર્થીઓને ટ્રોફી અને પ્રાર્થના અપાયા હતા.



નવરચના ઈન્ટરનેશનલ સ્કૂલ ખાતે આયોજાયેલ નિબંધ સ્પર્ધામાં વિજેતા અભિયાન ધર્માને તેજલ અમીન, અશોક ખોસલા, હરપાલ સિંહ, ડો. દિવ્યભાનુસિંહ રાજે સિંધિયા અને દિવ્યભાનુસિંહ ચાવડા

આંખકારો અને કલકટરશ્રીનાં વાદ્યોના જણાવાયુ છે.

સોનાની છાંને નેશનલ સ્કૂલ નિબંધ સ્પર્ધા-2024ની ફાઈનલ ફાઇનલ 'નવરચના સ્કૂલ ખાતે યોજાઈ



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Invoking all students to take the Nanhi Chhaan Anti Dowry Pledge



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SAVE ENVIRONMENT
SAVE HUMANITY

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Save Environment, Save Girl Child, Save Humanity

Anti- Dowry Pledge

I promise never to give and take dowry and pledge that

-I will not accept dowry or extravagant wedding gifts or favours even if they are offered to me or my family

-I will not give any dowry or wedding gifts that are demanded of me and my family and I will not associate with any family that makes such a demand

-I will not marry/marry my daughters in to a family that gives or takes dowry in any form.

-I will not attend or support any weddings where I am aware that dowry and/ or extravagant gifts have been demanded and given

I take this pledge of my free will and seek internal strength to live up to my commitment.

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