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Nature India Essay Competition 2020

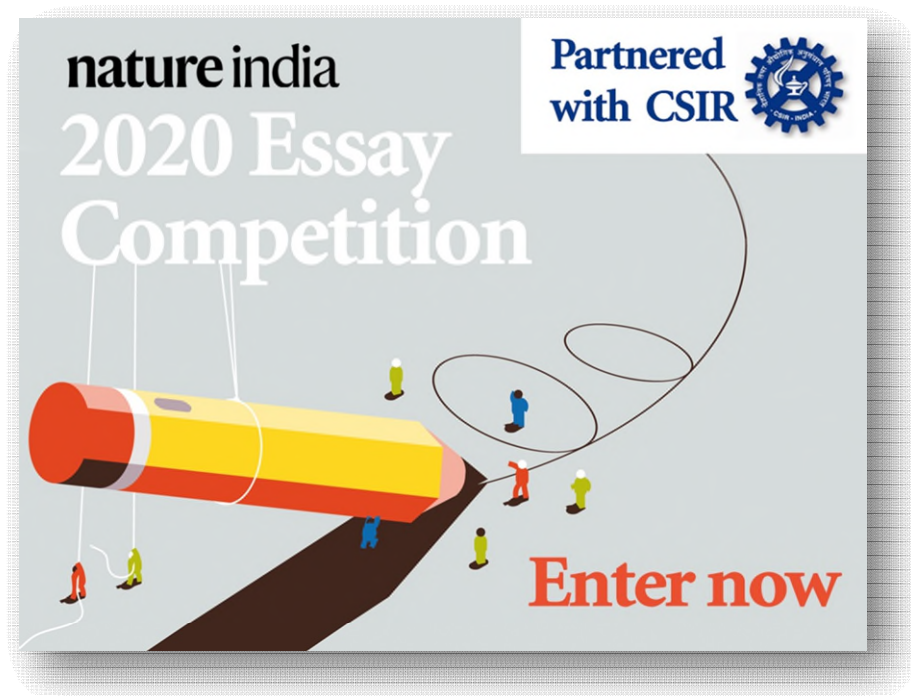
Win exciting prizes!

Nature India in partnership with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is launching an **essay competition** to provide young and experienced scientists, researchers and authors in India, a platform to share ideas on how **socially-impactful science can advance and strengthen the country**.

The *Nature India* essay competition is now open for **scientists, researchers, writers or authors aged 25 to 50**. The essayists will have an opportunity to draft a compelling narrative with personal anecdotes, emotion

and a science-backed story that may become potentially historic in helping shape the roadmap for India's scientific future.

We invite thoughts on the societal impact of science in India **in not more than 1000 words**. We are looking for essays with an aspirational tone, emotions and story-telling without too much sentimentality. The essays should be reasoned, well-researched, forward-looking and supported by existing science. They should ideally be informative and entertaining in equal measure. Adding a personal perspective to the narration is desirable.



We are not looking for academic papers, an academic writing style or science fiction.

Submitted essays will be judged by a panel of editors, scientists and science communicators.

The **deadline for completed essays is midnight, India time, on 9 March 2020**. The winners will have their essays published in the *Nature India* annual volume as well as the *Nature India* blog *Indigenus*. The top three essays will win cash prizes (Rs 40,000, Rs 30,000 and Rs 20,000 or equivalent), a three-year subscription to *Nature*, trophies and certificates. We will also feature the essayists and their ideas in a *Nature India* podcast.

Please send your submissions to natureindia@nature.com with the subject line "Nature India Essay Competition 2020". Please include your name, affiliation and contact details on top of the essay. We look forward to reading your imaginative and thought-provoking essays.

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