

#testimonial

I decided to participate in ACTT's 6th National Essay Competition when I was made aware of it by my teacher. At first I was not too interested in participating, as I thought the idea of winning was farfetched as writing is not quite my strong suit. However, my teacher and classmates encouraged me to join as it would be a good learning experience which would help me improve my writing skills.



Preparing to write this essay was a difficult mission as my classmates and I started last minute; parallel to that, my efforts were also put into studying for my end of year examinations that were also approaching. Preparing and writing the essay took many hours of research and some sleepless nights, as the essay was longer than any other I had ever written. The essay topic was also a bit more challenging than what I was used to, but this made it all the more interesting.

Participating in this essay competition has been a very unique and especially rewarding experience for me as it has benefitted me in more ways than one. As a result of my participating in this competition, I have gained a newfound interest in writing. Winning second place in this essay competition has taught me that if I put my mind to something, I can achieve greatness.

I would encourage everyone who can find the time to participate in the seventh edition of this initiative to do so, whether or not writing is your forte. This essay competition is a great experience in which you can acquire skills and knowledge and – who knows – maybe even win a prize.

—Jose Pillai, 2nd Place (Secondary/5th Form)
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