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RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF STATE-LEVEL ESSAY COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS ON THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF MAHAKAVI SUBRAMANIA BHARATHIAR

As part of the commemorative celebrations of the 143rd Birth Anniversary of **Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiar** on **Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas** on December 11th, under the guidance of Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. R.N. Ravi, Raj Bhavan launched the annual State-Level Essay Competition for the students across Tamil Nadu. The aim of this initiative is to celebrate the monumental contributions of Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiar and his legacy by celebrating our incredibly rich and diverse languages, taking it further to the citizens, particularly to youth of our nation.

This initiative honors the pivotal contributions of Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiar, whose profound writings and poetry ignited national consciousness and united the nation as one Kutumbam through his powerful call for freedom and social reform. By fostering a deeper connection to India's rich linguistic, spiritual, and cultural heritage, this competition aims to inspire the youth of our state to proudly remember the heroes of our national freedom struggle and make ever-greater contributions to building a **Viksit Bharat by 2047**.

The State-Level Essay Competition, conducted in both Tamil and English, invited school and college students to write on the topics related to freedom struggle. For school students, the topic was, "Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha" while the college students wrote on "Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha' – its impact on the resurgence of National Freedom Consciousness".

Results of this year's competition are now out, with the Jury Committee noting an overwhelming response and applauding the exceptional quality of the submissions. Based on their merit list, the winners are as follows:

SCHOOL CATEGORY

Prize	Tamil	English
1 st Prize (2 winners)	S.M. Vikaash Kumar, 12 th Std., Adharsh Vidya Kendra, Vetturnimadam, Kanyakumari.	R.Aksharaasree, 10 th Std., Seventh Day Adventist English High School, Madurai.
2 nd Prize (2 winners)	A.R.Jhanistha, 6 th Std., W.P.A.Soundarapandian High School, Ayanavaram, Chennai.	E.Jayagayathri, 12 th Std., Sri Jayendra Swamigal Silver Jubilee Matric Higher Secondary School, Maharaja Nagar, Tirunelveli.
3 rd Prize (3 Winners)	B.Nivedhaa, 9 th Std., Lalaji Memorial Omega International School, Kolapakkam, Chennai.	P.S.Sindhu 11 th Std., Children's Paradise Matric Higher Secondary Schools, Red Hills, Chennai. R.Kanishka 11 th Std., St. Philomena's GHSS, Gidangal-2, Tindivanam, Villupuram
Special Prize (2 winners)	-	C.Santhosh 12 th Std., Ramaswamy Chettiar's Town Higher Secondary School, Parameshwaranallur, Chidambaram Juanita Lucy Sachin 12 th Std., Jaigopal Garodia Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chennai

COLLEGE CATEGORY

Prize	Tamil	English
1 st Prize (2 winners)	Ms.J.Divyalakshmi, M.Sc., 2 nd Year,	Mr. Abhimanyu Kumar Sharma
(2 wiriters)	Dept. of Microbiology, Adhiparasakthi College of Arts and Science, Kalavai, Ranipet.	1 st Year B.Sc., Criminology & Cr. Justice Science, AM Jain College, Meenambakkam, Chennai.
2 nd Prize (2 Winners)	Mr.S.Subramaniyasiva, 3 rd Year, B.Tech. Al&DS, Anna University Regional Campus, Coimbatore.	Mr. S.Muhammed Suhail, Pre-final Year, B.Sc., Physician Assistant, PSG Institute of Medical Science & Research, Coimbatore.
3 rd Prize (2 Winners)	Ms.A.Pavithra, B.A., Tamil 3 rd Year, Arcot Sri Mahaalakshmi Women's College, Villapakkam, Ranipet.	Ms. P.Dhanya Lakshmi, 1 st Year, B.Com., Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai.

Special Prizes	- Ms.V.Rubasri, 2 nd Year, B.A., A.V.P College of Arts & Science, T
(3 Winners)	M Poondi, Tirupur.
	Ms.A.Chitra, 2 nd Year, M.Sc.,
	Yoga Therapy, MAHER,
	K K Nagar, Chennai.
	Ms.M.Kanimozhi,
	1 st Year, B.A.,English, Kamban
	College of Arts & Science,
	Thiruvannamalai.

Heartiest congratulations to the winners of this year's State-Level Essay Competition and sincere appreciation to all participants, whose enthusiastic and thoughtful contributions have made this competition truly meaningful.

The winner of the first, second and third prizes for both school and college category will be awarded with Cash prizes of ₹50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand), ₹30,000 (Rupees Thirty Thousand) and ₹25,000 (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand) respectively along with citations. Special Prize winners will be felicitated with citations.

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu will felicitate the winners along with parents and the Principals of the Schools/Colleges with Cash Prizes and Citations during the Republic Day-2025 "At Home" celebration at Raj Bhavan, Chennai on 26th January 2025.

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