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**Subject: Conducting essay competition on World Environment week (1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June, 2021)**

Centre for Sustainability and Environmental Management, IIM Sirmaur will conduct to commemorate World Environment Day i.e., 05<sup>th</sup> June 2021. World Environment Day, is the most renowned day for environmental action. Since 1974, it has been celebrated every year on 5<sup>th</sup> June for engaging governments, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus their efforts on a pressing environmental issue. World Environment Day (WED) has grown to become a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually. Each year, WED has provided a new theme that major corporations, NGOs, communities, governments and all celebrities worldwide adopt to advocate environmental causes. The theme for this year is biodiversity – a concern that is both urgent and existential.

As part of this, IIM Sirmaur announces an essay writing competition open for all the full time graduate and post graduate students of institutions/universities based in India. Interested participants can write an essay in their own words on the **topic “The Effects of Plastic waste on Biodiversity”**.

**Essay Competition Guidelines-2021**

IIM Sirmaur is organizing a National Essay Competition from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 for celebrating World Environment Week on the occasion of ‘World Environment Day ‘on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Theme:** “The Effects of Plastic Waste on Biodiversity”

**Eligibility:** Students pursuing under-graduate and post-graduate degree courses in various Indian universities/institutes/colleges recognized by the designated authorities.

**Cash Prize:** Winners will receive cash prizes as per the following table:

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Prize Amount</b>
First	INR 3000
Second	INR 2000
Third	INR 1000
Total	INR 6,000

The prize winners shall also be given a certificate. Names of the winners will be published on IIM Sirmaur's website.

**Essay Guidelines:**

- The Essay should be written in English. It should be neatly typed on A4 size electronic page. The font must be in Times New Roman size 12. It should be limited to 2,500 words, including references (if any).
- The Essay should contain the following: An Introduction, which introduces the problem area. A Body, which may contain the problem discussion and solution approach. And towards the end, a Conclusion, which summarizes the work and analysis presented in the essay.
- The Essay should be preceded by a cover page mentioning the name of the participant, program/course, name of the College/University/Institute with complete address, participant contact number, active email ID on the top of the essay. A copy of identity card (clear image) issued by student's institute authority should also be included on the front page of the submission.
- Following criteria will be used in assessing the essay: Content, Originality, Clarity and Structure.
- Only original essays will be considered for the competition. Previously published essays are therefore excluded. Any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the essay.
- Copyright in all contributions accepted will remain with the authors, and they are free to re-use their own material.

**Submission Procedure:** The essay has to be submitted as a single MS-Word file through email to

csem\_coordinator@iimsirmaur.ac.in with 'Essay' mentioned in the Subject line.

**Last Date for Submission:** Entries may be submitted by **7<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 (23:59:59 IST)**

Organizing committee: -

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