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Invites Participation

SLSior 2026

Ideas Inspiring Change

SLSior 2026 is a national-level academic competition designed to engage talented final year undergraduate students across India through creative and analytical challenges across multiple disciplines.



ELIGIBILITY

- Open to students from any college/university in India
- Third year and Fourth Year Undergraduate students of any stream

PARTICIPATION FORMAT

Individual (no team allowed)

TIMELINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

15th April 2026 (Online Submissions)

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

- **Department of Economics:** Opinion article on AI, Impact on Growth and the Future of Work: Opportunity or Inequality
- **Department of Language, Literature and Aesthetics:** Poetry writing on 'Energetic India'
- **Department of Media and Communications:** Mobile film-making challenge on "Sustainable Energy"
- **Department of Politics and International Relations:** Review article on 'Conflict Analysis and Policy Recommendations'
- **Department of Public Policy and Administration:** Policy Design on a given societal problem
- **Department of Psychology :** Poster on mental health

PRIZE

(PER EVENT)

1st Prize: ₹5,000

2nd Prize: ₹3,000

3rd Prize: ₹2,000

FOR MORE DETAILS
SCAN QR CODE



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Detailed Guidelines for SLSior 2026

Department of Language, Literature and Aesthetics:

Guidelines for Poetry Writing on 'Energetic India'

Eligibility

- Only Individual participation is allowed for the event
- One participant can send only one entry. More than two entries from the same person shall not be entertained
- The event is open to students from any college/university/institute in India
- The participant can be of any stream/department/subject

Submission

- The participation is free and doesn't need any registration fee
- Only the first 50 entries received shall be considered for further evaluation
- The entry for the competition must be thematic. Any entry outside the theme of the competition shall be disqualified.

Evaluation

- Title of the poem is mandatory
- The primary language of the poem should be English
- The submission should be relevant to the theme
- Any submission with plagiarism will be disqualified

Department of Economics

Guidelines for Opinionated Article Competition on Theme: AI, Impact on Growth and the Future of Work: Opportunity or Inequality?

The Opinionated Article Competition invites students to critically examine the transformative role of **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** in shaping economic growth and the future of work. Participants are encouraged to present **analytical, evidence-based, and original arguments** on whether AI is likely to expand opportunities or deepen inequalities in the coming decades.

Eligibility

- Only **individual participation** is allowed for the event.
- **One participant can submit only one entry.** Multiple submissions from the same participant will not be entertained.
- The event is **open to students from any college/university/institute in India.**
- Participants must be **undergraduate students (In the third or fourth year).**
- Students from **any stream/discipline** are welcome to participate.

Article Guidelines

Your opinionated article should include the following components:

Title

- Clear, engaging, and reflective of the theme.

Introduction

- Brief background on AI and its growing influence on economic growth and labour markets.

Main Argument / Analysis

Participants may discuss themes such as:

- AI-driven productivity and economic growth
- Automation and labour displacement
- Creation of new job opportunities
- Skill transformation and the future workforce
- Inequality across countries, industries, or social groups
- Policy responses and ethical considerations

Evidence and Data

- Participants are encouraged to include **relevant statistics, economic data, tables, charts, or graphs** to support their arguments.

Conclusion

- A clear takeaway on whether AI will **expand opportunities, increase inequality, or produce a mixed outcome**, along with possible policy recommendations.

Formatting Requirements

- **Word Limit:** Up to **4000 words** (excluding references).
- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Font Size:** 12
- **Line Spacing:** 1.5
- **References:** Must be cited in **APA Style**.
- **Figures/Tables/Charts:** Inclusion of **relevant data, charts, or tables is recommended** to strengthen the analysis.

Originality

- The article must be **original and unpublished work**.
- **Plagiarism will lead to disqualification**.
- AI tools may be used only for **editing or language improvement**, but the **ideas, arguments, and analysis must be the participant's own**.

Submission

- Participation is **free of cost**. No registration fee is required.
- Articles must be **submitted in PDF format**.
- Participants must include the following details in the document:
 - Name
 - Course / Class
 - Department and Institution
 - Title of the Article
- **Only the first 50 entries received shall be considered for evaluation**.
- Any submission **not aligned with the theme** will be disqualified.

Evaluation Process and Criteria

- A **screening and evaluation committee** will review all submissions.
- Entries will be judged on the basis of:
 - Relevance to the theme
 - Strength of argument and critical thinking

- Use of data and evidence
- Originality and clarity of ideas
- Quality of writing and structure
- The **decision of the evaluation committee shall be final and binding.**

Department of Public Policy and Administration

Guidelines for Public Service Delivery in Digital Era: Global Trends and Perspectives

Eligibility

- Only Individual participation is allowed for the event.
- One participant can send only one entry. More than two entries from the same person shall not be entertained.
- The event is open to students from any college/university/institute in India.
- The participant must be in the third or fourth year of their undergraduate degree.
- The participant can be of any stream/department/subject.

Submission

- The participation is free and doesn't need any registration fee.
- The entry for the competition must be thematic. Any entry outside the theme of the competition shall be disqualified.
- A screening committee shall be constituted that shall review the entries.
- Case Studies and Evidence based research Policies will be encouraged.
- Entries shall be judged on the basis of the quality of final output and adherence to the theme.
- The decision of the committee regarding the cash reward winners of the competition shall be considered final and binding

Department of Media and Communications

Guidelines for mobile film-making challenge on “Sustainable Energy”

Eligibility

- Only Individual participation is allowed for the event.
- One participant can send only one entry. More than two entries from the same person shall not be entertained.
- The event is open to students from any college/university/institute in India.
- The participant must be in the third or fourth year of their undergraduate degree.
- The participant can be of any stream/department/subject.

Submission

- The participation is free and doesn't need any registration fee.
- Only the first 50 entries received shall be considered for further evaluation.
- The entry for the competition must be thematic. Any entry outside the theme of the competition shall be disqualified.
- The participants are supposed to use only a mobile phone camera for shooting the video. Entries produced from professional cameras shall not be entertained.
- In the later stages of the screening, the participants might be asked to submit raw files of the video as a proof.
- The entry must be in the format of a PSA (public service advertisement) which must revolve around the theme.
- The theme decided for the mobile filmmaking competition is “**Sustainable energy**”
- The entry has to be converted into mp4 format and uploaded in the google form.
- The length of the entry should not be more than 2 minutes 30 seconds.

Evaluation process and criteria

- A screening committee shall be constituted that shall review the entries.
- Entries shall be judged on the basis of the quality of final output and adherence to the theme.
- The decision of the committee regarding the cash reward winners of the competition shall be considered final and binding.

Department of Psychology

Guidelines for Poster making on Mental Health hours competition

Eligibility

- Only Individual participation is allowed for the event.
- One participant can send only one entry. More than two entries from the same person shall not be entertained.
- The event is open to students from any college/university/institute in India.
- The participant must be in the third or fourth year of their undergraduate degree.
- The participant can be of any stream/department/subject.

Design Guidelines

- Your poster should include:
 - Title Clear, creative, and relevant.
 - Introduction Brief explanation of the mental health issue.
 - Key Information Causes or risk factors, Symptoms or warning signs, Impact on individuals or society
 - Solutions / Coping Strategies Practical tips, Preventive measures, Healthy habits
 - Statistics or Facts Include 1–2 research-based facts
 - Conclusion / Message: Positive takeaway or awareness message.
- Poster size: A2
- Use minimal text and more visuals as Diagrams, Infographics, Icons, Illustrations
- Use clear headings
- Maintain readable font size
- Use appropriate colors

Originality

- Poster must be original work. Not AI generated Image
- Avoid copying from the internet
- Use creativity and personal interpretation

Submission

- The participation is free and doesn't need any registration fee.
- The entry for the competition must be thematic. Any entry outside the theme of the competition shall be disqualified.
- The entry has to be converted into PDF and uploaded in the google form

Mention:

- Name
 - Course / Class
 - Department and Institute Details
 - Topic
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- The participation is free and doesn't need any registration fee.
 - Only the first 50 entries received shall be considered for further evaluation.
 - The entry for the competition must be thematic. Any entry outside the theme of the competition shall be disqualified.
 - AI generated posters will not be considered.
 - Poster should convey a message.

Evaluation process and criteria

- A screening committee shall be constituted that shall review the entries.
- Entries shall be judged on the basis of the quality of final output and adherence to the theme.
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Department of International Relations

Guidelines for Article/Review Article writing on 'Conflict Analysis and Policy Recommendations'

Eligibility

- Only Individual participation is allowed for the event.
- One participant can send only one entry.
- The event is open **to pre-final and final year** students from any college/university/institution of India.
- The participant can be of **any stream/department/subject**.

Submission

- The participation **is free** and doesn't need any registration fee.
- Only the first **50 entries** received shall be considered for further evaluation.
- The entry for the competition **must be thematic**. Any entry outside the theme of the competition shall be disqualified.

Evaluation

- **Title** for the Article/Review Article is mandatory.
- The primary language should be **English**.
- The submission should be relevant to **the theme**.
- Any submission with **plagiarism will be disqualified**.