



Mahatma Gandhi Institute
School on Indian Studies
Department of Tamil Studies

Celebration of the 117th Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna - 2026

In the context of the Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna, the Department of Tamil Studies of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute is organising the following competitions:

- 1. Essay Writing Competition (Tamil & English)**
- 2. Story Writing Competition (Tamil)**

1. Essay Writing Competition

The **Essay Writing Competition** is open to the following categories of participants, both in **Tamil and English**:

Category 1: Upper Secondary Students (Grade 10, Grade 11, Grade 12 & Grade 13)

Category 2: Participants above 20 years old (Teachers, University Students & Public)

***** Tamil *****

Category 1: Upper Secondary Students (Grade 10, Grade 11, Grade 12 & Grade 13)

Title in Tamil: பேரறிஞர் அண்ணாவின் இலட்சியங்கள்: நவீனச் சமூகத்திற்கு ஒரு வழிகாட்டி

No. of words: Around 600 - 800 words

Category 2: Participants above 20 years old (Teachers, University Students and Public)

Title in Tamil: பேரறிஞர் அண்ணா: காலத்தைக் கடந்த சிந்தனையாளர்

No. of words: Around 1000 - 1200 words

***** English *****

Category 2: Upper Secondary Students (Grade 10, Grade 11, Grade 12 & Grade 13)

Title in English: Perarignar Anna: A Great Orator

No. of words: Around 1000 - 1200 words

Category 3: Participants above 20 years old (Teachers, University Students and Public)

Title in English: Perarignar Anna's Search for an Egalitarian Society

No. of words: Around 1500 - 1800 words

Guidelines for Essay Writing Competition

- a. This competition is open to **Mauritian residents only**.
 - b. Submission could be either in handwritten or typewritten form.
 - c. You may participate in the essay competition in both Tamil and English according to your category.
 - d. **Participants should not write his/her personal name on the essay.** They will have to use a pen name on the essay. Participant's pen name, personal name, age, residential address, mobile phone number, fixed home number and email address should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and submitted together with the essay. The participants' personal names should be written as per the Birth Certificate or National Identity Card (NIC).
 - e. Word count should be mentioned on the cover page.
 - f. All submissions must be original. Previously published essay will not be accepted.
 - g. Essays should not be copied from the internet or any other sources.
 - h. All essays received in the competition will become the property of MGI which reserves the right to publish them in any form - electronic or print.
 - i. The decision of the jury shall be final and shall not be subject to any appeal.
 - j. The MGI shall not take any responsibility in any matter arising out of any dispute as regards to the originality of the essay.
 - k. Submission could be made either by post or in person to the Head, Department of Tamil Studies, MGI, Moka or through email in PDF format to (tamilstudies@mgirt.ac.mu).
 - l. Interesting prizes will be awarded to the winners and Certificate of Participation will also be awarded to all participants.
 - m. Last date for submission is **Wednesday 30 September 2026 by 3.00 p.m.** Envelopes should be clearly marked with *Perarignar Anna - Essay Writing Competition (Tamil or English)* and addressed to the Head, Department of Tamil Studies, Indian Studies Complex, MGI, Moka.
 - n. For more details, please visit our website on www.mgirt.ac.mu.
- For further information, kindly contact the Head, Department of Tamil Studies. Phone number: 403 2000 - (Ext: 2176)**

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SCHOOL OF INDIAN STUDIES
DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL STUDIES
Perarignar Anna - Essay Writing Competition
Participation Form

Pen name :

Surname :

Other names :

Language :

Category :

Age :

Address :

Name of School/
Institution (if applicable):

Grade (if applicable) :

Name of Responsible
Party & Mobile Number:

Mobile Phone number :

Fixed Home number :

E-mail Address :

Signature :

Date :

Note: Photocopies of this form can be made for use by other participants. The filled Participation Form together with the Essay should be sent the Head, Department of Tamil Studies, MGI - Moka, or on the following email address: tamilstudies@mgi.ac.mu at latest **Wednesday 30 September 2026** by **3.00 p.m.**

2. Story Writing Competition in Tamil

The **Story Writing Competition** is open to the following categories of participants in **Tamil only**:

Category 1: Lower Secondary Students (Grade 7, Grade 8 & Grade 9)

Category 2: Upper Secondary Students (Grade 10, Grade 11, Grade 12 & Grade 13)

Category 3: Participants above 20 years old (Teachers, University Students & Public)

***** Tamil *****

Category 1: Lower Secondary Students (Grade 7, Grade 8 & Grade 9)

Topic in Tamil: அறிவே ஆயுதம்.

No. of words: Around 400 - 600 words

Category 2: Upper Secondary Students (Grade 10, Grade 11, Grade 12 & Grade 13)

Topic in Tamil: மானத்தைக் காத்த மனிதன்.

No. of words: Around 800 - 1000 words

Category 3: Participants above 20 years old (Teachers, University Students and Public)

Topic in Tamil: புதிய விடியல்.

No. of words: Around 1200 - 2000 words

Guidelines for Story Writing Competition

- a. This competition is open to **Mauritian residents only**.
- b. Submission could be either in handwritten or typewritten form.
- c. Only **one entry** per participant is allowed.
- d. Participants' attention is drawn to the fact that this competition is **not** about **essay writing**, but about **story writing** and each story should reflect the philosophy of Perarignar Anna.
- e. **Participants should not write his/her personal name on the story.** They will have to use a pen name on the story. Participant's pen name, personal name, age, residential address, mobile phone number, fixed home number and email address should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and submitted together with the essay. The participants' personal names should be written as per the birth certificate or National Identity Card (NIC).
- f. Word count should be mentioned on the cover page.
- g. All submissions must be original. Previously published stories will not be accepted.
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Surname :

Other names :

Age :

Address :

Name of School/
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Grade (if applicable) :

Name of Responsible
Party & Mobile Number:

Mobile Phone number :

Fixed Home number :

E-mail Address :

Signature :

Date :

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