

NOTICE – ISLAND-WIDE ESSAY & ART COMPETITIONS - 2026

The Palmyrah Development Board (PDB), Jaffna, in conjunction with the National Exhibition 2026, proudly announces an Island-wide Essay and Art Competitions to promote awareness on the value of palmyrah and its sustainable use.

FOR BOTH ESSAY and ART THEME TOPIC

“Don't cut down the palm tree! Don't reduce its usefulness!”

“பனையைத் தறிக்காதே! அதன் பயனைக் குறைக்காதே!”

COMPETITION DETAILS FOR ESSAY COMPETITION

- Category: Open Category Only
- Medium: Tamil
- Word Limit: 750 – 1000 words
- Submission: Handwritten (clear) or Typewritten
- Only one essay per participant is allowed
- Essays must be original and unpublished

COMPETITION DETAILS FOR ART COMPETITION

- Category: Open Category Only
- Arts & Cartoons should be done in an A3 size paper using any medium (Pastel, Water Colors or pencil drawing)
- Only one art per participant is allowed
- Art must be original and unpublished

AWARDS FOR BOTH ESSAY & ART COMPETITION

- 1st Place – Rs. 15,000 + Certificate
- 2nd Place – Rs. 10,000 + Certificate
- 3rd Place – Rs. 5,000 + Certificate
- 10 Merit Awards – Gifts + Certificates

- Winners will be awarded at the National Exhibition 2026
- Prize-winning essays will be published on PDB platforms
- Prize-winning essays will be displayed at the National Exhibition 2026

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Submit your essay/art along with the completed application form either by post to the Palmyrah Research Institute, Palmyrah Development Board, Kandy Road, Kaithady, Jaffna (mention “PDB Essay Competition/ PDB Art Competition” on the top left corner of the envelope). The essay/ Art must be certified by the Head of an Institution or a Justice of Peace. The deadline for submission for both essay/ art is **15th May 2026**. Children of officials and members of the Palmyrah Development Board are not eligible to participate. The decision of the judges will be final. For Inquiries Malini (Management Assistant – PDB), +94 77 234 9929

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“Let us protect and promote the heritage of Palmyrah! 🌿”

ISLAND-WIDE ESSAY/ART COMPETITION 2026

Application Form

1. Participant Details

Full Name of Participant:

Contact Number:

Postal Address:

E-mail Address:.....

National Identity Card (NIC) Number:

2. Declaration by the Participant

I wish to enroll in the Essay/ Art Competition conducted by the Palmyrah Development Board (PDB). I hereby agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the competition.

I declare that the essay submitted is my original work and has not been awarded in any other competition.

Signature of Participant:

Date:

3. Certification

I certify that I personally know Mr./Ms, holding NIC No:, and confirm that the essay was written/ art was created by the applicant.

Name of Head of Institution / Justice of Peace:
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Name of Institution (if applicable):
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Signature:
(Official Seal Required)