

**JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)**

in collaboration with

**Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)**

Karnataka Regional Branch, Bengaluru

*invites entries for*

# Shri. S. Ramanathan Annual Essay Competition 2026

ESSAY THEME

## Growing Use of AI and Receding Creativity

Take a stand on one of the most defining debates of our era. Express your perspective, demonstrate critical thinking, and earn state-level academic recognition.

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First Prize  
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**₹3,000**

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Submission Deadline:

**20 October 2026**



# GUIDELINES & DETAILS

## Eligibility Criteria

- Open to students under 25 years of age enrolled in any recognised educational institution in Karnataka.
- Individual entries only (co-authored or joint submissions are not permitted).
- Previous winners of the JAIN-IIPA-KRB Annual Essay Competition are not eligible to participate.

## Submission Guidelines

- **Languages:** English or Kannada.
- **Length & Format:** Maximum 5,000 words (including references in APA style), submitted strictly as an MS Word document (docx).

## Required Documents (Mandatory)

- The essay in Microsoft Word format.
- A scanned Bonafide/Credentials Certificate issued by the Principal or Head of the institution.
- A signed undertaking confirming that:
  1. The essay is the participant's original work;
  2. The essay has not been copied or previously published;
  3. All references to the article are appropriately acknowledged;
  4. The essay has been prepared in accordance with the competition guidelines.
  5. The originality undertaking must be duly signed by the participant and the Head of the educational institution.

## Rules and Regulations

- The essay must address the notified theme: **"Growing Use of AI and Receding Creativity"**.
- Plagiarised, previously published or substantially copied essays will be disqualified.
- The competition is not open to relatives of office-bearers of the IIPA-KRB.
- The decision of the organising committee and the jury shall be final.
- **All essays will undergo AI and plagiarism checks. Essays with more than 10% AI-generated content or more than 10% plagiarism/similarity will be disqualified.**
- JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and IIPA-KRB reserve the right to publish prize-winning essays in their journals, magazines, newsletters or other publications, including publications of IIPA, New Delhi.
- By submitting an essay, participants agree to the above publication and copyright conditions.
- The organisers reserve the right to reject submissions that do not meet the eligibility, formatting or documentation requirements.

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