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Ping is the independent student media body of IIT Hyderabad. Established in 2009, we report campus events and activities and publish a wide variety of content relevant to the IITH community. We release magazines twice a year, and also have our very own newspaper, Echoes, which we upload online.

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Felicity is the 3-day annual techno-cultural festival of IIT Hyderabad. Various events from quizzes to music concerts to workshops are held throughout the 3 days. Despite IIT's small community, Felicity has become a grand nationwide event with bands such as Indian Ocean and Local Train holding concerts during the fest.

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College

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2. Are Indians entitled to reparations?

It's undoubtable that Indians lost a lot during the British rule, but do they deserve to get it back? If so, where is the line drawn? Rather than focussing on the idea of reperations in general, explore the idea of reperations in the Indian context. Mentioning specific instances of how reperations would help is recommended. For those against the idea, feel free to explore multiple arguments against reperations but try including arguments relevant to India.

High School

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2. How would the Indian subcontinent be today, if the British never invaded?

This is a completely creative topic. We expect entries to be innovative in their understanding of a world where India wasn't invaded. While research is going to be valued, submissions that can highlight a broad or specific aspect of India that would be different would be best. This could include cultural, geographical, or even culinary (if you're a foodie type) differences. Above all, try making it a fun read!

3. How different are people from different generations?

With the rise of terms such as 'ok boomer', it is interesting to think about where generations differ in ideology. Are they similar in some ways? Explore these differences with a focus on the role of technology and social media. You are free to compare their ideologies and argue on which is better as well.

RULES FOR THE WRITING CONTEST

Visit pingiiit.org/left-brain-write-brain for submissions

1. Plagiarism – defined as follows – will not be permitted and will result in elimination from the contest:

- a. Turning in someone else's work as one's own
- b. Copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
- c. Failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
- d. Giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
- e. Changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit
- f. Copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not (see our section on "fair use" rules)

2. Deadline: 23rd February 11:55pm. There will be no extensions. Note that 11:55pm means 5 minutes before 12 at night.

3. Eligibility: The candidate must meet either of the following criteria to be eligible for the event:

a. School Category: Must be enrolled in an academic institution recognized by any Secondary Education board in the respective countries and studying in grades equivalent to classes 8-12 or

b. College Category: Must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree in any university recognized by the World Higher Education Database <https://www.whed.net/home.php> or UGC(in India) <https://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/Consolidated%20list%20of%20All%20Universities.pdf>

4. Languages: Participants may submit only one submission per topic in English

5. Topic: Participants may submit one piece per category. Since, the topics vary for high school and college, ensure that the topic is part of your corresponding category. Submissions which do not belong to the correct category will be disqualified.

6. Participants must submit ID proof when awards are announced. Inability to do so will result in elimination from the competition.

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Submission Format: Only PDF submissions will be accepted. Ensure that entries adhere to 'Times New Roman', size 12.