

High Commission of India

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Consulate General of India

DURBAN

"What was the turning point moment that changed your life?" ESSAY COMPETITION

TO COMMEMORATE THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORCED EVICTION OF

MAHATMA GANDHI

FROM A 1ST CLASS TRAIN COMPARTMENT AT PIETERMARITZBURG RAILWAY STATION
ON JUNE 7, 1893

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1. All South African school students from Grades 10 to 12 can participate.
2. Maximum of 3 entries per school (The school governing body should select the TOP 3 entries from all the participating students and submit the TOP 3 ONLY to the final round).
3. Essay to be written in English Only and no more than 500 words.
4. Entry must be entrant's own original work and duly certified by your school on the enclosed entry form.
5. Each entry must have a cover page with name and contact details of the student.
6. The entries should be submitted to this office between 15 April 2018 - 15 May 2018.
7. All eligible entries received will be judged by a panel of independent qualified judges.
8. Top 3 winners will be awarded attractive prizes by Hon. Minister of External Affairs, Government India, Ms. Sushma Swaraj on the 7th of June 2018 at the 125th Anniversary celebrations of the forced eviction of Mahatma Gandhi from a first class train compartment, being held at the Pietermaritzburg Railway Station.
9. All schools participating will be duly acknowledged. The schools of the TOP 3 winners will be awarded special prizes.

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**FOR ATTENTION: THE PRINCIPAL/HOD LANGUAGES
SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

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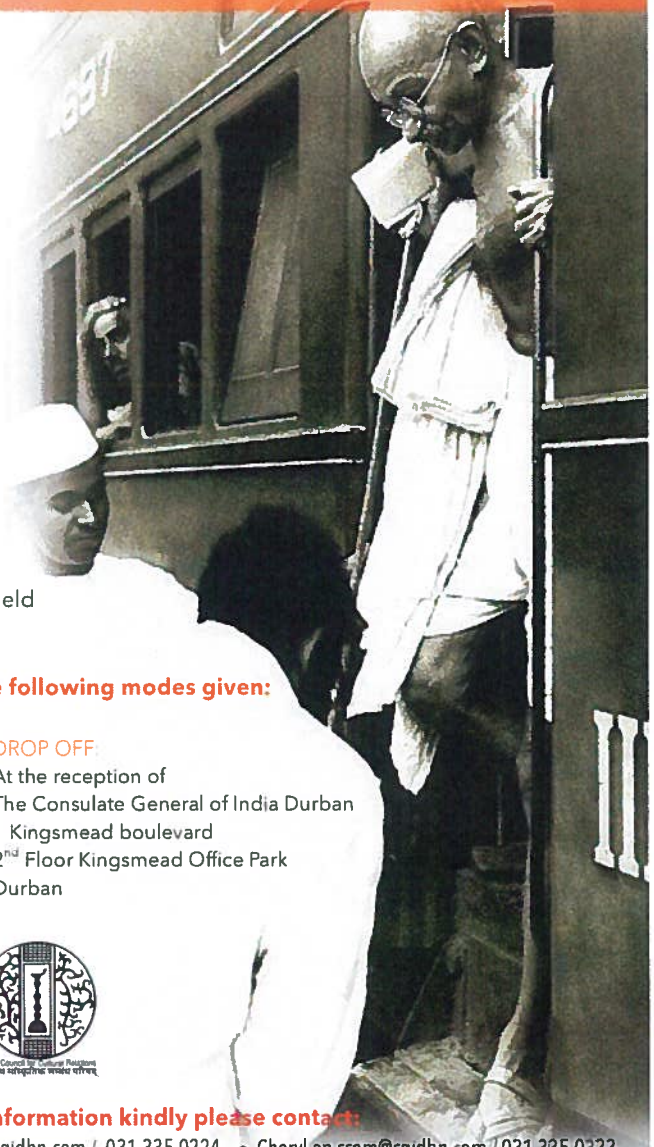
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ENTRY FORM FOR ESSAY COMPETITION

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM

1. NAME OF SCHOOL:
2. PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF SCHOOL:
3. EDUCATOR IN CHARGE:
4. PRINCIPAL OF SCHOOL:
5. SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS:
6. NAME OF STUDENT TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITION:
7. GRADE AND AGE OF STUDENT TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITION:
(NAME) :
(AGE) :

I CERTIFY THAT THE WORK SUBMITTED IS ORIGINAL

LEARNER

EDUCATOR

PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL STAMP

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What was the turning point moment that changed your life

An Essay Competition to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the eviction of Mahatma Gandhi from a 1st class train compartment at Pietermaritzburg Railway Station on June 7, 1893.

The High Commission of India, Pretoria in association with Consulate General of India, Durban is holding an Essay Competition to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the eviction of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on June 7, 1893 at Pietermaritzburg Railway Station from first class train compartment for being a 'person of colour'. When Mahatma Gandhi was evicted from the train, an Indian visiting South Africa fell; but when Gandhi rose an Indian South African rose determined to fight against discrimination and injustice. Mahatma Gandhi spent that cold night in the waiting room of the station and instead of returning to India, he vowed to stay and fight the disease of racial prejudice. In later years Gandhi stated that that incident had changed the course of his life, stating: "My active non-violence began from that date".

The 7th June 1893 incident at the PMB Station was the turning point moment in the life of Mahatma Gandhi, father of the Indian nation. This historical moment was instrumental in transforming young Gandhi's life, from being an advocate in South Africa to a world leader who fought against colonial discrimination and injustice through his unique weapons of Non Violence and *Satyagraha* (Truth Force). In the spirit of this momentous transformation in Gandhiji's life, we are organising an essay competition on the topic "What is the Turning Point Moment in Your Life" to encourage young minds to pen down such life transforming events in their own lives. **Competition will be open from 15th April to 15th May 2018.** Entries are invited from all South African students from Grade 10 to 12. Relevant rules and details for participating in the Essay Competition are enclosed.

The top three winners of the competition will be given attractive prizes on 7th June 2018, in a grand event at Pietermaritzburg Railway station which is being held to commemorate the landmark 125th anniversary of this historical event. Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India and Hon'ble Foreign Minister of South Africa along with other important dignitaries are expected to participate in the event.

We request educational institutions and young people to participate in large numbers.