

KIZUNA KATHA 2026

6th National Essay Writing Competition

Organized by: Experience Japan

Experience Japan is delighted to announce the **6th National Essay Writing Competition – KIZUNA KATHA 2026**. This initiative provides a prestigious platform for students from **Grades 4 to 12** to showcase their literary skills while exploring the multifaceted relationship between India and Japan. Participants are invited to submit their original work in either **English or Hindi**.

1. Competition Categories & Topics

Category	Eligibility	Topic (English/Hindi)	Word Limit
Category 1	Grades 4 – 6	The Lessons of Punctuality: What We Can Learn from the Japanese Way of Life / समय की पाबंदी की सीख: हम जापानी जीवन शैली से क्या सीख सकते हैं <i>(Reflecting on discipline and respect for time)</i>	250 – 350 words
Category 2	Grades 7 – 9	Environment and Us: Japanese Eco-friendly Habits We Can Adopt in Our Homes / पर्यावरण और हम: जापानी पर्यावरण-अनुकूल आदतें जिन्हें हम अपने घरों में अपना सकते हैं <i>(Analysing Japan's cleanliness and waste management culture.)</i>	400 – 500 words
Category 3	Grades 10 – 12	Japanese MNCs in India: Their Role in 'Make in India' and Skill Development / भारत में जापानी MNCs: 'मेक इन इंडिया' और कौशल विकास में उनकी भूमिका <i>(Highlighting the economic bridge and career opportunities for bilingual professionals.)</i>	500 – 700 words

2. Awards & Recognition

- **Mega Winners:** 1 Award per category
- **Winner Awards:** 1 Award per category
- **1st Runner-up:** 1 Award per category
- **2nd Runner-up:** 1 Award per category
- **Consolation Prizes:** 5 Awards per category
- **Participation Certificates:** Awarded to **all** participants.



- Appreciation Certificates for Teacher In-charges and principals.
- STAR SCHOOL AWARD for two schools/organizations for exceptional contributions. (Max. number of entries, Maximum number of quality work etc).

4. Special Instructions for Schools

- **School Registration:** Interested schools are requested to register using the following link (<https://forms.gle/YtpUg9tXUxJzbSQL8>) and depute a **Teacher In-Charge** to serve as the primary point of contact for any clarifications or administrative matters.
 - *Note: This link is to be filled by School Authorities or the designated In-Charge only. **Do not share this link with students.***
- **Student Outreach:** Schools are requested to share **only the Students' Registration Link** (<https://forms.gle/feLdzeUX29BxV93e7>) with their student body, along with the specific category topics and relevant competition details.
- **Dissemination:** It is encouraged that schools inform students across all eligible grades (4–12) to ensure maximum participation and engagement with the theme of India-Japan relations.

5. Rules and Regulations

- **Submission Format:** Essays must be **handwritten neatly**. Digital/typed entries will not be accepted.
- **Formatting:** Do **not** include personal contact details on the essay sheet. Write your **Unique Participation ID and Name** clearly at the top.
- **Originality:** Work must be original; plagiarism or imitation will lead to immediate disqualification.
- **Eligibility:** Limited to students currently in grades 4 to 12. One entry per participant.
- **Finality:** The decision of the Experience Japan jury is final and binding; requests for re-evaluation will not be entertained.
- The content must not violate the Indian Copyright Act.
- Experience Japan is not responsible for copyright violations.

4. Registration and Fee Payment

- **Participation Fee:** Rs. 150 per entry.
- **Payment Methods:**
 - **UPI/QR:** Scan Paytm QR code for **Experience Japan**
 - **Bank Transfer:** * **Bank Name:** Yes Bank
 - **Account No.:** 021988700000202
 - **IFSC Code:** YESB0000219
- **Important:** Mention the **Participant's Name** in the transaction remarks.
- **Confirmation:** Share the transaction screenshot via **WhatsApp** to **+91-8199989876**.





5. Steps to Participate

1. **School Authorities** are required to fill this google form and depute a teacher in-charge (<https://forms.gle/YtpUg9tXUxJzbSQL8>).
2. **Teacher In-charges** are requested to share the Topics, Word Limit and Registration Link (<https://forms.gle/feLdzeUX29BxV93e7>) with all your students.
3. **Students are supposed to register individually: Immediately Register** and pay the fee to receive your UPID earliest to confirm your participation.
4. **Share the screenshot** of transaction via WhatsApp (+91-8199989876).
5. **Receive ID:** Experience Japan will provide a **Unique Participation ID** and an essay submission link within 2 days of submission the transaction's screenshot and registration form.
6. **Write:** Research and handwrite your essay within the specified word limit.
7. **Upload:** Submit a clear scan of your essay via the provided link by the deadline.
8. **Subscribe:** Sign up on the website for automatic updates regarding the competition.

6. Important Dates

- **Last Date for Submission:** May 7, 2026.
- **Results Announcement:** June 2026 (on the official website).

7. Contact Information

For any queries, please contact us:

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Thank you for your participation!

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