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PRESS RELEASE

AWARD WINNERS: "FLASH TRUTHS – TAKING INDIA'S PULSE"

The confirmed winners of the nano-Essay Competition held by DownloadingMyMind (DMM) in association with the Society For Policy Studies (SPS) South Asia Monitor (SAM) are:

2 nd Prize: ₹25000	Dhruv Raman, New Delhi	<i>Koi bhi desh perfect nahi hota...</i>
2 nd Prize: ₹25000	Attiso Bhowmick, Bandel, W. Bengal	<i>Indian Pickle - The Ancient Spirit of Indian Everyday Gourmet</i>
3 rd Prize: ₹15000	Neha Negi, Dehradun, Uttarakhand	<i>The Other side of the Cul-de sac</i>
3 rd Prize: ₹15000	Lipokmenla Ao, Dimapur, Nagaland	<i>Identity Found– Indian Life</i>
3 rd Prize: ₹15000	Spandan Pandya, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	<i>Plurality of Living</i>
3 rd Prize: ₹15000	Shivani Singh, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh	<i>A Full Stop to Her Hope</i>

Regrettably, our intention to invite the winners to an Award Presentation Ceremony was not possible in the times of the catastrophic pandemic ravaging India. Under the circumstances, we took the expedient course of directly transferring prize moneys to the Winners' bank accounts.

We thank you all for participating in the Competition. An overwhelming collection of exciting essays from India and abroad was received, including some very thought-provoking compositions.

This nano - Essay Competition will be held annually. We hope you will participate again in the January 2022 edition.

The Judges and the Organisers congratulate the winners of this Inaugural nano – Essay Competition.



Anjolie Ela Menon

is one of India's leading contemporary artists. She is best known for her religious-themed works and portraits. She has held solo exhibitions of her works extensively in India and abroad. Menon has also represented India at international Art Competitions and Shows. She was awarded the Padma Shri in 2000.



John McCarthy AO

was Australia's Ambassador to Vietnam, Mexico, Thailand, Syria, the United States, Indonesia, Japan, and High Commissioner to India. He has also served as Chair of the Australia-India Council, Deputy Chair of the Australia- India Institute, and Chair of the Advisory Board of the Griffith Asia Institute



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is Director of the Society for Policy Studies (SPS), an independent think tank based in New Delhi. He was Director of IDSA and the National Maritime Foundation. He is a well-known columnist, editor, and contributor on nuclear and international security issues to reputed journals and media in India and abroad.

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