Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Taluka Level Essay Competition

Particulars	Details
Name of the Initiative	Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Taluka Level Essay Competition
Year of Start	2022-23
Introduction	The distinguished career of King Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj has become a bright chapter in the history of Maharashtra. He worked for the prosperity of the people, dreamed of their allround progress, and dedicated his efforts to it. This initiative aims to make students aware of his work and inspire them through essay competitions.
Organizing Body	Sarathi Organization
Competition Level/Scale	Organized for all primary, upper primary, and secondary level students in Maharashtra. Covers all 358 Talukas and 29 Municipal Corporations. Groups: 3rd-5th, 6th-7th, 8th-10th.
Eligibility Criteria	 Open to all schools of all mediums in Maharashtra. All students studying in Classes 3rd to 10th.
Terms and Conditions	 Participation according to groups. Medium: Marathi. Essay must be handwritten. Recommendation letter from Head Teacher mandatory. Disqualification for late submission or non-compliance with rules.
Prize Structure	Group 1 (3rd-5th): 1st-₹400, 2nd-₹300, 3rd-₹200, Incentive- ₹100 each. Group 2 (6th-7th): 1st-₹500, 2nd-₹300, 3rd-₹200, Incentive- ₹100 each. Group 3 (8th-10th): 1st-₹700, 2nd-₹500, 3rd-₹300, Incentive-₹100 each. Cash prize of ₹5,500 and certificate of appreciation for each group.

Evaluation Criteria	Content – 25 marks
	Hyperbole – 5 marks
	Language style – 5 marks
	Wording – 5 marks
	Handwriting & Impact – 10 marks
	Total – 50 marks
Judges	Three expert judges appointed by Group Training Officer and
	Administrative Officer from neighboring Talukas.
Process	Group Education Officer (Taluka) and Administrative Officer
	(Education) (MNP level) organize the competition.
	Certificates sent by post to winning schools.
Year Coverage	2022-23 to 2024-25
Number of Beneficiaries	Total participants: 3,88,212
	Students receiving qualification: 12,453