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# Global Studies & Governance (GSG) Program

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## Essay Competition: "Our Planet: Our Future"

Global Studies & Governance (GSG) Program of Independent University, Bangladesh, invites essays to celebrate its annual "Global Day", on October 24, 2021. Celebrating U.N. Day, it also explores the annual U.N. theme. The 2021 GSG essay topic, "Our Planet: Our Future" is derived from the 2021 U.N. theme: "Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world."

Since 2021 also marks 50 years of Bangladesh's independence, GSG's Global Day will also evaluate the strides the country has made in foreign policy over the past five decades. As Bangladesh anticipates graduating from its LDC status by 2026, and the expected impacts of a worsening global climate crisis upon the most vulnerable countries, like Bangladesh, there is plenty of food on the table for this year's Global Day to ruminate: ensuring the judicious use of natural resources such as air, water, forest and energy remains at the heart of Bangladesh's future development. Keeping sustainability at the center of future development over any of these issues should be central to any essay. Selected participants may be invited to share their essay in a Global Day webinar.

### Submission Guidelines:

- Students of 10-12 grades are allowed to participate
- Essay word limit: Maximum 5,000 word
- Font: Times New Roman (12 Text); double-spaced typing
- Language: English
- Kindly follow a standard reference style
- **Plagiarism/copy-paste will disqualify entry**
- Submit the essay by sending an email ([gsg@iub.edu.bd](mailto:gsg@iub.edu.bd)) and identifying your name, institution and contact details clearly

### Proposed Timeline:

SL	Activities	Deadline
1	Submission of Final Paper	30 September 2021
2	Notification of Results	15 October 2021
3	Price distribution & Selected Paper Presentation in the Global Day	24 October 2021

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