

## LITERARY EVENTS' RULES



### DEBATE

- Medium of speech is English.
- The Competition will consist of two rounds: Preliminary and Final.
- Team composition: 2 members (one for the motion and one against the motion)
- The maximum number of teams (on first come first serve basis) is 16.
- Prizes to be awarded: Best Team  
Best Speaker
- The speakers will be judged on the following criteria:
  - Content
  - Language
  - Expression
  - Eloquence
  - Spontaneity and Presence of mind
- **Preliminary Round:**
  - The topic for the Preliminary Rounds will be disclosed 24 hours prior to the competition and will be emailed to the teams and if requested, telephonically conveyed.
  - Time given to each participant is 3-5 minutes.
  - There will be negative marking for exceeding the time limit.
  - At the end of the speeches of all the teams, the first speaker of the first team who initiated the debate i.e. spoke for the motion, will get an additional 2 minutes for rebuttal. There will be no cross-questioning after the rebuttal.
- The Best Speaker will be selected on the basis of the scores of the Preliminary round only.
- The **top two teams** having the highest scores from the Prelims will advance to the **finals**.
- **Final Round:**
  - Topic for the finals will be disclosed 24 hours prior to the Finals.
  - Time given to each participant is 3-5 minutes.

- There will be negative marking for exceeding the time limit.
- At the end of the speech of both the team members, there will be 2 questions from the audience and one from the judges. No subsequent cross-questioning by the audience will be allowed.
- Use of **profanity, slang and offensive language is strictly prohibited** and will amount to instant disqualification.
- Under all circumstances, the **decision of the judges will be final and binding**.
- The **last date of registration is March 18, 2015**. There will be no on-the-spot registration available for this event.

### **'AD MAD' COMPETITION**

- The Advertisement will be in Hindi/English Language.
- Number of participants in each team is 3-4.
- The maximum number of teams (on first come first serve basis) is 16.
- The participating teams have to prepare and present an advertisement for the product or service given based on a specific THEME.
- The teams will be allotted a product through lottery, and they will be required to make a mad-ad for the same, on the spot.
- Teams have to make a new product name, punch line and advertise the product/brand given to them.
- Different forms of expression like jingles, slogans, banners or any other innovative form can be incorporated.
- Participants cannot copy existing advertisements.
- Caution should be taken to refrain from displaying obscenity, violence, prejudice, defamation etc. in advertisement.
- The maximum time duration for Ad is 3minutes.
- Participants are required to bring their own stationery like pencil, colors etc.
- Organizing committee shall not provide any Costume/Props.
- The contestants are strictly advised not to disclose the name of their College/Institution to the Jury members/audience.

- The contestant may opt for a suitable dress code however the name of the college should not be displayed on the dresses in any form.
- In case participants exceed the time limit Judges will be free to disqualify the team.
- The organizing Committee reserves the right to change the venue, time and rules, if desired.
- There will be three prizes in all i.e. Top 3 positions.
- Under all circumstances, the **decision of the judges will be final and binding.**
- The **last date of registration is March 18, 2015.** There will be no on-the-spot registration available for this event.

**Judgment criteria:-**

The participants will be judged on the following:

- Stage presence
- Adherence to topic
- Team work/Co-ordination
- Spontaneity/creativity
- Clarity of message
- Jingle/slogan

**SPELL BEE COMPETITION**

- This is an individual event
- There would be two rounds 1) Preliminary Round 2) Final Round
- **A maximum of two students** from every college/institute would be allowed to participate on first come first serve basis.
- **Preliminary Round:**
  - Each participant will get three words to spell. The first two words will be based on English vocabulary while the third word will be a legal term.
  - Each participant would be given one minute each to spell the word.
  - The participant needs to qualify from the preliminary round to enter the final round
- **Final Round:**
  - In the final round, the level of difficulty will increase.

- Each speller will be given a few words to spell. The number of words will be determined as per the number of participants who qualify for the final round.
- Each participant would be given one minute each to spell the word.
- In case of tie in the final round, a set of tie breaker words would be given.
- During the competition, the pronouncer will give the speller a word; the speller will be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it. This allows the judges to know whether the speller has finished spelling it and that the speller has heard the word correctly.
- The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, and/or use it in a sentence. The pronouncer shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant. Judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.
- Once the speller begins spelling the word, he/she may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in retracing there can be NO change of letters or their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence is changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated. In other words, a speller can't correct himself, even while it is still his or her turn.
- There will be five prizes in all i.e. Top 3 positions and 2 Consolation Prizes
- The **decision of the judges is final and binding** under all circumstances.
- The **last date of registration is March 18, 2015**. There will be no on-the-spot registration available for this event.

### **PERSONIFICATION**

- This event is an endeavor to walk down the steps in history or literature by assuming the likeness of the historical personage or literary figure. An effort should be made to recreate such legendary personage to the closest resemblance in looks, speech, expressions and stage presence so that one feels as if one has actually met the character being personified.
- Each contestant must choose a popular character from English Literature or World History.
- Each character has to prepare a monologue, i.e., either the speech of a Literary Character or of a Historical Legend.

- Each monologue will consist of two parts: Character introduction : 1 minute (approximately), Character speech: 2 to 4 minutes
- For longer speeches, the contestant has the liberty to fit it within the requisite time limit.
- No fictitious speeches are allowed. The speech must have been taken from authorized text only.
- The text of the speech has to be sent to the organizers for validation at least one week prior to the event.
- The contestant has to participate in the likeness of the character in terms of costumes, props, accessories, and body language, etc. (No costumes shall be provided by the organizers.)