

## **ICCR's Elocution Competition for International Scholars in India**

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) was founded in 1950 with the primary objective to actively participate in the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes pertaining to India's external cultural relations; to foster and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries; to promote cultural exchanges with other countries and people, and to develop relations with nations.

ICCR has been playing an important role in the field of education for international students in India. It offers a number of scholarships to foreign nationals to pursue higher studies in Indian Central/State Universities and other recognized Institutes of higher education and learning. ICCR regularly organizes activities for the benefit of foreign students/scholars in India.

ICCR proposes to organize an "**Elocution Competition**" for foreign students studying in India.

### **Details of the competition:**

#### **Topics –**

- 1) Relevance of VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM or World as one Family as world view of nations.**
- 2) The Role of Indian Freedom Struggle in strengthening global fight against Colonialism in mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century.**
- 3) Importance of Traditional Indian Knowledge Systems.**

**Eligibility** – Any foreign student (holding a foreign passport) at present studying in India at **UG level** (age no bar) and physically present in India.

**Registration** – Free for all eligible (as above).

**Process for Registration:** Will be done on the link provided at ICCR's website/Social media handles. First click on the "Register Now" tab appearing on the home page and register for the competition. While registering, participant is to fill the correct and true information and upload the required documents (Photo, Copy of Passport, Bonafide certificate obtained from the University/Institute/place of study). In case particulars are found to be incorrect subsequently, that registration shall be cancelled.

#### **Timeline-**

Registration process starts from **15.12.2022** and entries will be accepted only in online mode till **05.01.2023 (1800 hrs IST)**

**Language of Elocution** shall be English. The competition shall be judged by Expert Committees constituted by ICCR. The decision of the Committees shall be final and no queries/communication on the same would be entertained.

**The competition will unfold in two rounds-**

**Dates of Round 1** – 15-30 January 2023 (conducted by ICCR Zonal/Sub-Zonal/Regional Passport offices at Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Pune, Ahmedabad, Shillong, Lucknow, Patna & Jammu).

**Dates of Final Round** – To be held subsequently (dates will be intimated to shortlisted candidates separately) at MEWAR University.

**Round 1 (Selection Round)**: First round will be hosted by ICCR Zonal/Sub-Zonal/Regional Passport offices at Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Pune, Ahmedabad, Shillong, Lucknow, Patna & Jammu (during 15-30 January 2023). Participants selected for Round 1 will have to be physically present at the place, date and time to be given to them for their first round (to and fro 3 Tier- AC train fare from the place of study to the place of first round competition will be provided to the participating student). While registering one of the said centres have to be chosen near to place of study. If any discrepancy found train fare will not be provided. Jury at Zonal Level shall select candidates for the final round.

**Round 2 (Final Round)**: The final competition will be held with/amongst **10-12** shortlisted contestants in person during February 2023. The selected candidates will be provided full hospitality for their participation by MEWAR University.

The participant will have to speak on the same topic (opted/spoken about in Round 1) for not more than 10 minutes and jury may ask questions (on the topic itself) from the participants and will be judged on the grounds such as points put forth, examples, contents, presentation/oratory skills, clarity of thought, confidence, promptness and fluency.

**Participants would be judged in first/final rounds, inter-alia, on the following:-**

- Content of the chosen topic.
- Presentation/oratory skills
- Clarity of thought
- Confidence and fluency

**Rewards for the Winners:**

- 1) Certificate of Merit to the Winner, Runner-up and Second runner-up
- 2) Certificate of Participation to each participant
- 3) Cash prizes-

(i) Winner: Rs. 51,000/- (INR)

(ii) Runner up: Rs. 30,000/- (INR)

(iii) Second Runner up: Rs. 20,000/- (INR)

### **Instructions and Important Notes**

1. Language – English only
  2. One can refer to points from a page, etc but do not read out whole speech from notes.
  3. Speak slowly and clearly.
  4. Be clear, audible and loud.
  5. Decision of all the judges will be final and binding.
  6. Videos of all the participants can be used in the Social Media accounts of ICCR.
  7. The registration window is **15.12.2022 to 05.01.2023**.
  8. The first round will be held in between 15-30 January 2023, so may kindly keep checking the link page.
  9. Selected 10-12 participants only from Round 1 will be invited for the Final round.
  10. It is reiterated again that the decision of constituted jury/committee will be final and no queries/communication on the same would be entertained in any circumstances.
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