

ANNUAL STUDENT COMPETITION FOR THE YEAR 2014

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VAARADHI (A platform for facilitating development initiatives)

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**SHRI KANDA BHIMASANKARAM AND
PAPAYAMMA MEMORIAL AWARDS**

VENUE:
SEPTEMBER 21st, 2014
RAVINDRA BHARATHI, HYDERABAD

I. INTRODUCTION

VAARADHI is a voluntary initiative of likeminded people. The organization, as the name stands, would like to help in establishing a platform for facilitating the activities of non-governmental organizations working in various fields and to provide empowerment to the young people of India.

The organization proposes to hold competitions for class X, XI and XII students on socially relevant topics every year. The competitions will culminate in an annual awards function to be held in Hyderabad.

The objective is to make the youth of the country aware of the social reality, of India, and make them conscious of the challenges which the country is facing. It also intends, in the future, to promote students' and people's exchange programme within India.

The process for the inaugural annual awards for the year 2014 will start on 17.8.2014 and culminate in a day long workshop and an awards ceremony on September 21st, 2014 from 10.30 am to 8 pm.

II. ANNUAL AWARDS EVENT FOR 2014

This year's annual awards event will be held in two stages:

- Regional essay writing and elocution competitions on shortlisted topics to be held in the months of August and September.
- A one day orientation workshop as well as the final stage competition in Hyderabad to which two top performing groups in each regional event will be called along with their parents. The final awards will be issued separately for the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Students from Hyderabad can choose to compete from any one of the states of their choice.

The event will close with an awards ceremony in the same evening.

III. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sl.No.	EVENTS	VENUE	DATE	TIME FOR EACH GROUP/EVENT	STARTING TIME	LANGUAGE
1.	Essay Writing and Elocution	Warangal	17.8.2014	60 Minutes for Essay and 15 Minutes for Each Group Elocution	10:30 am	English
2.		Vijayawada	17.8.2014			
3.		Vishakhapatnam	17.8.2014			
4.		Nellore	24.8.2014			
5.		Kurnool	24.8.2014			
6.		Rajahmundry	24.8.2014			
7.		Hyderabad.	24.8.2014			

- The essay writing competition will start at 1030 is and continues up to 1130 are. The elocution competition will start at 1145 am and continue as long as necessary.
- Groups can participate in both events and any one event.
- Groups should reach the venue one hour before the scheduled beginning of the event.

IV. THE LIST OF VENUES IS:

- VIJAYAWADA** : PB SIDDAHRATH COLLEGE OF ART & SCIENCE, SIDDARTH NAGAR, MOGHALARAJA PURAM, VIJAYAWADA 520010. CONTACT PERSON -M SAMBASIVA RAO, PRINCIPAL M NO 8179293310
- WARANGAL** : JR COLLEGE - PRINCIPAL, AVV DEGREE P.G. COLLEGE, S V N ROAD, WARANGAL
CONTACT PERSON UPENDRA SASTRY M. No. 9866677112
- VISHAKHAPATNAM** : DCM HALL, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OUT GATE, ANDHRA UNIVERSITY MOBILE NUMBER FOR SMS: 8686476263 PROF. D N RAO, M. No. 9949766693
- NELLORE** : V.R. COLLEGE, VRC CENTRE, NELLORE, CONTACT - DR P BHASKAR M 9440275068
- KURNOOL-**
HYDERABAD
SECUNDERABAD
- 1) KESAV MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, NARAYANA GUDA.T. HARI HARA SHARMA, M. No. 9866220129
2) PNM HIGH SCHOOL, KUKATPALLY, CONTACT PERSON - HANUMANTHA RAO, M. No. 9885461555
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4) BHARATIYA VIDYALAYA, AMEERPET, HYD. CONTACT PERSON BABU RAO, M. No. 9014226364
- RAJAHMUNDRY** : ANDHRA KESARI DEGREE COLLEGE, J.N. ROAD, RAJAHMUNDRY, CONTACT PERSON SRI UDAY SHANKAR, M. NO. 883-2422300,
GOUTAM MODEL SCHOOL

V. ELIGINILITY CRITERIA:

Students who are presently studying in classes IX, X and XI in any school or medium are eligible to participate in the competitions.

The names of the students may be forwarded by the schools or sent directly by the students. The registration form is given along with this brochure. Students can also e-mail the details in the same format to the ID mentioned. They can also SMS their names and fill up the registration form at the venue.

A limited walk-in participation will also be allowed one hour prior to the commencement of the event.

VI. RULES OF PARTICIPATION:

In order to encourage group work, it has been planned that the students need to participate only in groups in both the essay writing and elocution competitions. The groups can comprise a minimum of two members and a maximum of three.

Students will need to come prepared on the following list of topics. Essay writing as well as elocution will be conducted in any one of these.

VII. TOPICS:

The topics for essay writing competition will be based on the thoughts expressed in a book; Students are supposed to read the following book and write an essay of max 3 sides of the sheets provided for the purpose:

The book is MY EXPERIMENTS WITH TRUTH BY MAHATMA GANDHI,

The elocution competition will be based on the following famous speeches delivered by great leaders. Students are expected to download them using Google and listen to them and come prepared to present them in the elocution.

The speeches are:

1) WORLDS PARLIAMENT OF Religions, Chicago – Swami Vivekananda, 2) Tryst with Destiny – Jawaharlal Nehru.

VIII. RULES OF THE COMPETITION:

1. Students are advised to come at least one hour before the scheduled time.
2. Students will need to bring their own pen/pencil and other accessories. They will be supplied the requisite answer papers and paper for rough work
3. The essay will be written in groups after discussion among the members.
4. Elocution time will be shared equally as in a relay race
5. The top two groups in both essay writing and elocution competition will be invited to the final one day workshop- cum-competition.

Rules for the finals will be sent to the shortlisted groups separately

6. A panel of judges will evaluate the performance based on the following criteria:

Sl.No.	EVENTS	CRITERION	MARKS DISTRIBUTION
1.	Essay Writing	Clarity of Thought	50
		Vividity in Expression	50
		Depth and width of Discussion	25
		Brevity	25
2.	Elocution	Group Work	25
		Conclusion	25

IX. PROGRAMME FOR THE FINALS:

1. Shortlisted students will be provided bus - fare/second class train - fare from their place to Hyderabad. They will be given an amount of the Rs. 1000/- towards assistance for boarding and lodging
2. The short-listed groups can also bring their guardians for the programme. No additional travelling allowance will be paid.
3. The final will be a day long programme. A motivational workshop will be conducted for all short-listed candidates, followed by the final competitions. Based on the performance in the finals, two prizes (first, second) will be declared in both essay writing and elocution for the two states of Telangana and AP separately.
4. The winners will be given a medal in addition to a cash prize of Rs. 15,000 and Rs. 10,000 respectively
5. The day will end with distribution of prizes.
6. The final winners will also be sent on a weeklong exposure visit to some parts of India in the winter holidays. Programme will be announced on the final day.

