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To,

The Principal / Head-Master / Head-Mistress

Sub: 50th Annual Cultural Competition 2024

RKMVCC/CUL/2024/001

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the Ramakrishna Mission Shillong is organizing its Annual Cultural Competition for students from Nursery to College level. This competition serves as a platform for young talents to showcase their abilities, gain exposure, and build their confidence. We believe in nurturing the potential of the youth, and this event aims to provide them with an opportunity to shine. We are happy to announce that this year's Annual Cultural Competition for School and College students will be held once again.

We firmly believe that your school has a rich pool of talented students who would greatly benefit from participating in this prestigious event. We request the Head of Institutions and Guardians to co-operate wholeheartedly in this endeavor of ours and encourage maximum number of children / youths to participate in the competition.

Event Details:

- Competition Dates: 20th July 2024 to 25th August 2024 (Only on Weekends)
- Enrollment Last Date: 15th July 2024
- Prize Distribution Date and Time: 31st August 2024 at 3:00 PM (Tentative)
- Venue: Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Quinton Road, Police Bazar, Shillong 793 001

Please note that participants have to enroll online only in website <https://acc.rkmshillong.org>. All details, including specific pieces for recitation and topics for Essay, Elocution and Debate are available against each event. Please click in the desired event to find details. Participants may also enroll themselves using the Helpdesk at Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Quinton Road, with effect from 10th June 2024, onwards between 10 am to 5 pm.

Attached to this invitation, you will find the event list containing detailed information about the competition categories, rules, and guidelines for participation. We kindly request you to share this information with your students, their parents, and faculty members.

For any inquiries, please feel free to contact (WhatsApp only) our Helpdesk at +91 8259013381 between 10 am to 5 pm.

With Best wishes,

Yours in the service of the Lord,

Hitakamananda

Swami Hitakamananda
(Secretary)



**RAMAKRISHNA MISSION, SHILLONG**Email: shillong.vcc@rkmm.orgWeb site: www.vcc.rkmshillong.org50th CULTURAL COMPETITION, 2024Venue: **RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIVEKANANDA CULTURAL CENTRE**

Quinton Road (Opposite Police Station, Shillong-1)

**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE – I (ELOCUTION, ESSAY WRITING, SIT & DRAW, DEBATE & QUIZ)**

Date	Name of the Competition	Group	Class	Time	Topics/Instructions
Saturday 27.07.24	Elocution	IX to XII		3.00 P.M.	Topic: "What Freedom means to me"
Sunday 28.07.24	Essay Writing (to be written within 1000 words and in one hour time)	O-I	IX & X	10.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.	Topic: "Swami Vivekananda's lectures at World Parliament of Religions at Chicago in 1893 and today's world"
		O-II	XI & XII		Topic: "Mitigating Climate change is an individual responsibility."
Saturday 10.08.24	Sit & Draw As you like	I	Nursery	9.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M.	1. Students should bring drawing materials except drawing Paper (all groups) 2. Medium: Crayons / Colour Pencil /
		II	KG		
		III	I & II	11.00 A.M. to 12 noon	2. Medium: Crayons / Pencil / Pen/ Charcoal. Oil Pastels and water colour not allowed. Details in Rules
		IV	III & IV	1.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M.	
		V	V & VI	3.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M.	2. Medium: Crayons / Pencil / Pen/ Charcoal / Pastels. Water colour not allowed. 3. On a topic to be given on the spot from given three. Details in Rules.
Sunday 11.08.24	Sit & Draw	VI	VII & VIII	9.00 A.M. to 10.30 A.M.	2. Medium: Pencil/Pen/ Pastels/ Charcoal/ Watercolor.
		VII	IX & X	11.30 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.	3. On a topic to be given on the spot from given three. Details in Rules.
Sunday 18.08.24	Debate (Entries in pairs as a team, one speaking "for" and another "against")	IX to XII & College Students		2.00 P.M. (Reporting time 1.30 P.M.)	Topic: In The Opinion of The House: "The art of Creative Thinking is losing its charm to tools like ChatGPT"
Sunday 25.08.24	Quiz Preliminary 'On-line' Test (In pairs as a team)	IX to XII & College Students		10.00 A.M.	Topics: Swami Vivekananda, General History, Geography & Environment, Science, Sports and Current affairs.
	Quiz (Semi- Final & Final)	1 st Semi Final 1.00 P.M.		2 nd Semi Final 2.00 P.M.	Final 4.00 P.M.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE – II - RECITATION FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS (Not more than two languages)

Date & time	Gr-'A-I' V - VII	Gr-'A-II' VIII - X	Gr-'B' VII & VIII	Gr-'C' V & VI	Gr-'D' III & IV	Gr-'E' II	Gr-'F' I	Gr-'G' KG	Gr-'H' Nursery
Saturday 20.07.24					English D-I (CI-III) 3.00 P.M.			English 11.30 A.M.	English 9.00 A.M.
Sunday 21.07.24	Sanskrit* 9.00 A.M.	Sanskrit* 10.00 A.M.	Hindi 3.30 P.M.	Hindi 1.30 P.M.	Hindi 11.00 A.M.				
Saturday 27.07.24			Khasi 1.30 P.M.	Khasi 12.30 P.M.	Khasi 11.30 A.M.	English 9.00 A.M.			
Sunday 28.07.23			Bengali 3.00 P.M.	Bengali 2.00 P.M.	Bengali 1.00 P.M.				
Saturday 03.08.24			English 2.30 P.M.	English C-I (CI V) 11.30 A.M.			English 9.00 A.M.		
Saturday 17.08.24				English C-II (CI VI) 11.30 A.M.	English D-II (CI-IV) 9.00 A.M.				

* For Sanskrit Recitation, Chanting/Singing in tune shall not be allowed.

Selected pieces for recitation (except for group - G and H, who can recite any Nursery Rhyme) to be downloaded from the website. Enrolment to be done online only. For details please also see the Rules.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE – III (VOCAL MUSIC & Story telling)

Date & Time	Group - I Class III to V	Group - II VI to VIII	Group - III IX to XII	College and above (Open)
Saturday 24.08.24	1.00 P.M.	2.00 P.M.	3.00 P.M.	3.30 P.M.
Saturday 17.08.24	Grand Parents' story Telling 3.00 pm. (Open to all above 45 years)			

Tentative Date of the Prize Distribution Ceremony is Saturday 31.08.2024

Venue: **RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIVEKANANDA CULTURAL CENTRE,**

Quinton Road, Shillong. Time: 3.00 p.m.

No Entry fees.

Registration/Details: acc.rkmshillong.org

For query WhatsApp: 8259013381

RULES OF THE 50TH CULTURAL COMPETITION - 2024

- Form to be submitted **online only**. Forms can also be submitted through Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Quinton Road, with effect from 10th June 2024 onwards.
- For **online enrolment** and downloading of pieces please visit our website <https://acc.rkmshillong.org>
- **Pre – KG** should be **marked as Nursery**, otherwise it shall be treated as **KG**.
- Competitors of Group 'G' (KG) and Group 'H' (Nursery) may recite any nursery rhyme of his/her choice. Competitors from class – I (one) onwards will recite selected poem, which can be downloaded from the website (<https://acc.rkmshillong.org>).
- Participants are not allowed to recite in more than two languages.
- Candidate should not make any **Personal Introduction** before any performance during the competition.
- For Sanskrit Recitation, Chanting/Singing in tune shall not be allowed.
- For Essay Competition, the length of the essay will be limited to not more than One Thousand words.
- Competitor must sing from selected songs (available in the website) for **Vocal music competition**, in 4 (four) minutes. Accompaniment should be restricted to Harmonium, Tabla and Tanpura. **In Open group anyone of any age can join.**
- **Grand Parent's story telling competition** age is 45 years and above. Language: English or Hindi and any story suitable for children. Request is made to participants to come with their grandchildren, if possible.
- Participants for **Drawing Competition** should bring all drawing materials except drawing paper, which will be supplied by the organizers.
- Medium for 'Sit & Draw' for groups I & II (i.e. Nursery & KG) is Crayons / Colour Pencils
- Medium for 'Sit & Draw' for groups III & IV (i.e. from class I to Class IV) can be Crayon / Pencil / Pen / Charcoal. (Pastels and water colour is not Allowed).
- Participants of Group I to Group IV can draw as they like.
- For 'Sit & Draw' Group V (Class V & VI). Medium: Crayon/ Pencil/ Pen / Charcoal / Pastels. Specific topic shall be given on the spot from the following:
 - i) Portrait of your favourite Hero.
 - ii) My Favourite pets.
 - iii) Seasonal Scenery.
- For 'Sit & Draw' Groups VI & VII (i.e. from class VII to X) Medium: Pencil / Pen / Pastels / Charcoal / Watercolor. Specific topic shall be given on the spot from the following:
 - Group VI (VII & VIII) - i) My Cultural Heritage.
 - ii) Urban Landscape.
 - iii) Thirsty Earth.
 - Group VII (IX & X) - i) Folk art of your choice.
 - ii) Darkened neighbourhoods (Draw a neighborhood plunged into darkness during a power cut, with families gathered by candlelight, underscoring the challenges posed by load shedding).
 - iii) Memories of Generations (Illustrate a nostalgic scene of a child enjoying a vacation with their grandparents, capturing the warmth and wisdom passed down through generations).
- Competitors are to submit their names in pairs for Quiz and Debate competition. For Debate Competition, one from the team will have to speak 'for' and another 'against' the Motion.
- Decision of the judges shall be final and binding for all. **NO COUNTER QUESTION IN THIS REGARD SHALL BE ENTERTAINED.**

For any query, please contact:
825901338 (WhatsApp only) between 10 am to 5 pm.

*Phone calls not entertained.