



ASISC
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FR. GEORGE HESS SJ MEMORIAL LITERARY COMPETITIONS 2026

ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS FOR THE INDIAN
SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (ASISC)



RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR COMPETITIONS

ELIGIBILITY OF SCHOOLS

- A School that is affiliated to CISCE and is a member of ASISC (National and Regional) is eligible to participate in the Literary Competitions.
- Membership of a participating school should be updated with renewal for the current year of the competitions.

COMPETITIONS

- Competitions will be conducted at three levels – Zonal, Regional and National.
- Competitions will be held in three categories.

SUB-JUNIORS STUDENTS OF VI, VII & VIII | JUNIORS STUDENTS OF IX & X | SENIORS STUDENTS OF XI & XII

- Debate competition will be held only for Junior and Senior Category.
- There will be no separate grouping of boys and girls.
- The following Competitions are conducted –
 - Fr George Hess Memorial Debate
 - Fr George Hess Memorial Declamation
 - Fr George Hess Memorial Creative Writing
 - Fr George Hess Memorial Painting
 - Fr George Hess Memorial Quiz
 - Udumala Gregory Reddy Memorial Story Telling
 - Nabarun De Memorial Poem Writing
- Only the winners of each category from the respective Zones will go to next level at the regionals. The winners of regions will participate in the National Competition.



- In case of a participant's unavailability at the Regional / National level, the first runner up in each category will get a chance to participate except Quiz
- In case of Quiz, two participants may be substituted at the zonal level. But only one participant may be substituted at regional or national level.
- In case a participant is unavailable for any emergency conditions at the Zonal level, the substitute already entered by the school will participate in the zonal competition.

REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES



All Schools should register the names of participants for various categories on the ASISC portal for the ZONAL LEVEL.



A school may register substitutes for each category at the time of registrations. In case of an item where two participants are involved, a school may register two substitutes.



All entries by member schools must be submitted on or before the due date communicated by the Regional Secretaries.



Once the names are entered with all details on the portal, there won't be any need for further registration forms for next two levels.



Member schools are to use the login credentials supplied to them by the ASISC.



The Regional Secretaries will choose the venue for both Zonal and Regional level competitions and provide data of participants to the host school/s.



The results of zonal and regional level competitions are to be uploaded to the portal by the Regional Secretaries so that the registrations of participants will be made available to next levels



One candidate may participate only in one event as the competitions are conducted simultaneously at a venue.



Only regional secretaries are expected to communicate with the host region / school regarding registration, lodging, arrival and departure details (for Nationals).

DEADLINES TO COMPLETE LITERARY EVENTS 2026

DETAILS	ZONAL	REGIONAL	NATIONAL
LAST DATE TO REGISTER	15 Jun	20 Aug	20 Sep
LAST DATE TO COMPLETE EVENTS	15 Aug	15 Sep	10 Oct

ACCOMODATION FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION

- ◆ Identification Cards provided by the Association Host School are to be worn throughout the event.
- ◆ Participants will not be allowed to go out of the venue / premises / hotel on their own for any visit / shopping outside.
- ◆ Outstation participants must furnish their travel details (10 days in advance) to the Host School / Organizer, so that necessary transport arrangements could be made on time.
- ◆ Participants must be present for the meals on time.
- ◆ Separate lodging facilities will be provided for boys and girls.
- ◆ Participation certificates will be awarded to all the participants.
- ◆ Only FIVE teachers are allowed to accompany a team from a region. Girls are to be accompanied by lady teachers only.



- Parents of participants are strictly not allowed to accompany the students and will not be allowed to stay at the lodging facility provided for children and will not be allowed where competitions take place.
- The host school / organizers reserve the right to conduct security checks on bags and belongings as a safety measure.
- First-aid kit and emergency medical assistance will be provided at the venue. However, participants are advised to carry basic medicines.
- Participants and accompanying staff must maintain discipline and decorum throughout the event. Any misconduct or indiscipline will lead to disqualification of a region and expulsion from the venue.
- Photography will be arranged by the host region / school and the same will be shared with the regional secretaries after the completion of the event. Hence, participants are discouraged from taking photographs during the event.

CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

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Merit certificates will be awarded to winners of the First, Second and Third positions at all three levels.



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Awards / Medals / Trophies will be given to the top three winners at the National Level.

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A panel of three judges will judge every event and compile all the results. The decision of the judges will be final and binding in all events.

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All participants will get a participation certificate from the ASISC at all three levels.



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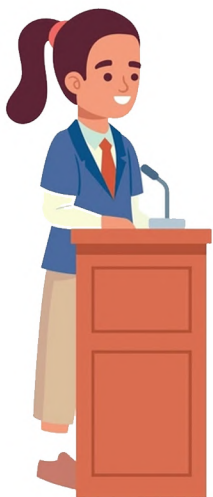
Quiz Master's decision will be final and binding for the Quiz competitions.





DEBATE (CATEGORY: JUNIOR & SENIOR)

- ★ Participants should not read from a previously prepared script, any paper or aid.
- ★ Each school/zone / region can present only TWO participants in each category – one to speak 'for the motion' and the other to speak 'against the motion'.
- ★ The order of speaking will be decided on the spot by draw of lots. However, the speakers who initiate both the motions will get two extra minutes each to wind up the debate after all the speakers have finished their turn.
- ★ The students will be given one hour for preparation after the announcement of the topic. Use of electronic gadgets (mobile phones, smart watches, tablets, etc.) is strictly prohibited during the preparation time.
- ★ Each speaker will get FOUR minutes to speak. At the end of the THIRD minute, a warning bell will be rung. The final bell will be sounded at the end of the FOURTH minute.
Timing will start as soon as the participant starts speaking.
- ★ Speaking for less than 3 minutes and more than four minutes will entail a deduction of FIVE marks by each judge.
- ★ All participants must be in formal wear without any identification marks of school/zone/region.
- ★ The speakers will address the chair only. Unparliamentary language, personal comments or observations on any religion, caste, community, political party or individual are not allowed; the matter should be limited to the topic only. Such violations may lead to disqualification.
- ★ Marks awarded by individual judges will be added up for each speaker.
- ★ A lively rebuttal/refutation for approximately two minutes will follow each speech with interjections from the participants. However, cross-questioning in rebuttal round is not allowed. Each participant can ask only one question in rebuttal round.
- ★ At Zonal, Regional and National levels, the winners are to be declared / adjudged as Best Speakers - For the Motion and Against the motion. No team ranking is to be declared.
- ★ Speakers will be judged on the following criteria:



CRITERIA	MARKS
Content	20
Delivery (Style, Fluency, Clarity, Poise)	20
Rebuttal	05
Overall Impact	05
Total	50





DECLAMATION (CATEGORY: SUB JUNIOR, JUNIOR & SENIOR)

- Each school/zone / region can present one participant each in each category.
- Each speaker, from the Senior and Junior Categories, will be given FOUR minutes to speak. At the end of three minutes 30 seconds, warning bell will be rung. The final bell will be sounded at the end of the Fourth minute. Speaking for less than 3 minutes 30 seconds and more than four minutes will entail a deduction of five marks by each judge.
- Sub Junior Category speakers will be given THREE minutes to speak. At the end of two minutes 30 seconds, a warning bell rung. The final bell will be sounded at the end of the Third minute. Speaking for less than 2 minutes 30 seconds and more than Three minutes will entail a deduction of five marks by each judge. Choice of passage is left to the participants but no passage from fiction or drama is permitted.
- Reading from a previously prepared script, any paper or aid is strictly not allowed.
- Participants should be in formal wear, appropriate to a student, without any identification of school / zone / region. Dramatization (imitation of character) and Props are not allowed. Gesticulation will be allowed. Hard copy of the declamation script is to be submitted to the host school in triplicate.
- Marks awarded by individual judges will be added up for each speaker.
- The speaker will be judged on the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARKS
Clarity, Pronunciation, Intonation & Poise	20
Fluency/ Memorizing	20
Overall Impact	10
Total	50

CREATIVE WRITING (CATEGORY: SUB JUNIOR, JUNIOR & SENIOR)

- Each school/zone / region can present one participant each in each category.
- Only the writing paper will be provided by the host school.
- The chosen topic should be written neatly on one side of the paper, leaving sufficient margin.
- The creative writing should not exceed more than 500 words for Senior Category, 400 words for Junior Category and 300 words for Sub Junior Category.
- The participants will be given a choice of topics on the spot.
- The initial 30 minutes will be for preparation; participants are not to write during this planning session.
- The participants will be given 90 minutes to write down the chosen topic after the planning session.
- Marks awarded by individual judges will be added to each participant.
- The writing will be judged on the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARKS
Content	15
Language	15
Style & Creativity / originality	20
Total	50



PAINTING (CATEGORY: SUB JUNIOR, JUNIOR & SENIOR)

- Each school/zone / region can present one participant each in each category.
- Topic will be given on the spot.
- Ivory sheets of 28" x 22" size will be provided by the host school.
- Acrylic or poster colours to be used.
- The time allotted will be Four hours
- Participant is expected to present a creative and attractive composition to bring out the theme of the topic.
- Participant is required to bring one's own colours, tools and other accessories.
- Marks will be awarded on the following criteria:

CRITERIA	MARKS
Composition	15
Creativity	10
Colour Scheme	10
Interpretation of the theme	15
Total	50

QUIZ (CATEGORY: SUB JUNIOR, JUNIOR & SENIOR)

- Each School / zone / region can send a team of two participants each in each category.
- In case there are more than six teams in a category, there will be a semifinal conducted for each category to choose the best SIX finalists. However, written round is to be avoided for elimination of teams.
- The Quiz will comprise of various rounds on various topics.
- Results will be decided based on the scores of finalists in each category.
- The school will register four names of participants (two as team members to participate and two as substitutes).
- If one of the participants is not able to appear in the competition due to any valid reason, then standby participant will be eligible as second team member.
- If a team quits (both the participants) at regional level, then the first runner up team will be eligible to participate at regional / national level.



UDUMALA GREGORY REDDY MEMORIAL STORY TELLING (SUB-JUNIOR)

- Each school / zone / region can present one participant only.
- Story must be narrated in English only
- Story is to be imaginative and creative.
- The story must be memorised. Reading from a previously prepared script, any paper or aid is strictly not allowed.
- Participants should carry a properly prepared hard copy in triplicate for submission.
- The time limit is 3½ minutes, including the introduction.
- The participant must clearly state the moral of the story at the end.
- The participants will be adjudged based on voice modulation, presentation, pronunciation, accent, confidence, facial expression, action, fluency and intonation.
- Only the WINNER will be selected for the NEXT LEVEL (REGIONAL / NATIONAL).
- Marks awarded by individual judges will be added to each participant.
- The event will be conducted by a panel of three judges and one moderator.
- Marks will be awarded on the following criteria:



CRITERIA	MARKS
Language Clarity & Pronunciation	10
Intonation and voice modulation	10
Fluency and confidence	10
Memorisation and expression	10
Moral of the story	10
Total	50

NABARUN DE MEMORIAL POEM WRITING (JUNIOR)

- Each school/zone / region can present one participant only.
- Poem must be written in English
- Theme / Topic will be announced 1 hour prior to the commencement of the competition.
- Poem should be minimum of 14 and can exceed up to 30 lines.
- Use of electronic gadgets (mobile phones, smart watches, tablets, etc.) is strictly prohibited during the preparation time.
- The poem must be original and should not resemble or be copied from any existing work.
- Participants will be adjudged based on language, writing skills, expressions, presentation of theme / topic.
- Only the WINNER will be selected for the NEXT LEVEL (REGIONAL / NATIONAL).
- Marks awarded by individual judges will be added to each participant.
- Marks will be awarded on the following criteria:



CRITERIA	MARKS
Content- Relevance to Theme and Message	20
Language– Grammar, Vocabulary	15
Style, Creativity and Originality of thought	15
Total	50