



REACH
Presents
Virāsat - Saadhana
& Other Educative Events
at
Virāsat Festival
15th October to 29th October 2024



Dear Principal,

The **Virāsat** arts and heritage festival, the most awaited event in Dehradun, will be held on the above dates at the **Dr. Ambedkar Stadium, ONGC**. The festival has emerged as the largest arts and heritage events in the Afro-Asia region and attracts a million plus footfall with the leading lights of traditional arts as active participants.

The major objective of the festival is to acquaint youth with their roots and traditions. Several events in the festival have been designed keeping the creative needs of your students in mind. We have planned Virāsat-Saadhana, Heritage Quest Quiz Competition, Crafts' Workshops, Photography Contest, Art Contest and Crafts' Treasure Hunt. Participation in the program is on first come first serve basis. Considering the tremendous response received in the past by the Virāsat-Saadhana and other events, we request you to kindly apply in time. A brief on these events is given below:

1. **Crafts' Workshops** (Wednesday 16th October to Friday, 18th October, between 10:AM - 1:30 PM). Workshops will be conducted for students with master craftsmen from different parts of India to inculcate appreciation for working with their hands. Students must report at 9:30 AM
2. **The Virāsat-Saadhana** (Monday, 21st October - Thursday 24th October from 10 AM onwards) presents a unique platform for school/college students to perform Indian Classical (Hindustani & Carnatic) Vocal & Instrumental Music, as well as Indian Classical dance on the prestigious Virāsat stage. The purpose of the event is to motivate and encourage students to appreciate the Indian Classical art forms. Through the programme, we shall endeavor to encourage and showcase budding artistes by offering them performance time, before their own peers. Students must report at 9:30 AM
3. **Art Contest** as a sit and draw competition (Friday 25th October between 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM). This will be followed by the **Crafts' Treasure Hunt**.
4. **Heritage Quest Quiz** (Saturday, 26th October, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM) where each school/college can send 1 or 2 teams. Each team will consist of 2 students. The questions will mainly be based on India's rich heritage, but there will be other general knowledge questions as well.
5. **Photography Contest** based on Virāsat Festival as the subject. (16th October to 26th October)

We request you to motivate your students to participate in large numbers in these events designed to enhance their knowledge of our heritage. Please send us details of the participation from your school in the attached form. A soft copy of the application may be sent through email latest by the 30th September **2024** to saadhana.reach@gmail.com. The number of participants will be restricted this year and applications will be accepted on first come first serve basis. As soon as the planned number of seats are filled up, especially in the performance categories, no more applications will be received. Therefore, please send in the applications as early as possible.

Looking forward to your enthusiastic participation,

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1st September 2024

Rules & Descriptions

While the planned dates and timings for the different events have been given in the invitation letter, there may be minor changes depending on the number of applications. School authorities will be informed about the reporting date and time through email.

Virāsat Saadhana

1. The programme will be held in the following categories of Indian Classical Music and Dance:
 - a. **Indian (Hindustani or Carnatic) Classical Vocal – Solo**
 - b. **Indian Classical – Instrumental - Solo**
 - c. **Indian Classical Dance – Solo**
2. Each school/college can send a maximum of one student in each category.
3. A student who has performed in two Virasat festivals is not eligible to perform again. This is to give other students of the school a chance to participate.
4. Performance time is 5 to 7 minutes only. The performers must strictly adhere to the time limit. This time is inclusive of time taken to tune the instruments. So, participants are requested to tune their instrument in the green room beforehand. No extra time will be given and the sound/music will be switched off after 8 mins. Students are requested to prepare accordingly.
5. The participants would be informed about the date on which they have to come for their performance once all the applications are received. All participants must report at 9:30 AM on the day of their performance. Participants should bring their own instruments and accompanists. No instrument shall be provided by the organizers.
6. Use of electronic sounds/recorded music is not permitted. (Exceptions can be made for certain dance forms only, but the music should be authentic to the dance form, not in any case borrowed from Bollywood). If a student brings prerecorded music for a dance, it must be on a pen drive and in MP3 format. They must also bring a backup. The student along with the concerned teacher must reach the venue by 9:30 AM on the day of the performance so that the music can be tested and copied as required.
7. Participants must wear appropriate dress/costume (Kurta-Pajama/proper dance costume) at the time of performance.
8. This segment is non-competitive. The main participant shall receive a "Certificate of Participation" from REACH Virāsat.
9. The participants shall seek entry to this segment through their schools or colleges by applying in the prescribed format attached herewith. Last date for receipt of the application is 30th September. A soft copy of the application should be sent by email to saadhana.reach@gmail.com.
10. All participants are deemed to have accepted these rules and agreed to be bound by them.
11. REACH Virāsat reserves the right to amend any rules at any time to make the event more meaningful and transparent.
12. Each participating school/college must send 30 students accompanied by two teachers to witness the programme.

You are requested to hold an internal selection round and present one participant in each category – Classical Vocal (Hindustani or Carnatic), Classical Instrumental and Classical Dance. We receive an overwhelming response in this category, but can accept only a limited number of applications, which will be on first-cum-first-serve basis. So please send in the applications at the earliest. We look forward to your school's enthusiastic participation in the event.

Please confirm your institution's participation by filling in the attached form and mailing it to saadhana.reach@gmail.com.

Crafts' Workshops

Students will be exposed to the work of master craftsmen, specially invited from different parts of the country. The following workshops will be held: Terracotta Pottery, Doll making, Glass bottle painting and Bead Work. Each student will be required to pay Rs. 100/-, towards the material cost for these workshops.

Another Workshop on **Sanjhi Art** will be conducted by the national award-winning artist, Shri Ram Soni. Students who wish to attend this will have to pay Rs. 300/- for the workshop.

You are requested to send a group of **30 students** to participate in the workshops. Please confirm your participation in the prescribed form and send to saadhana.reach@gmail.com latest by 30th September. Students, accompanied by their teachers, must report at the venue by 9:30 AM on the specific day allocated to them.

Heritage Quest Quiz

1. Each school/college can field one or two teams, each team comprising of 2 students from class VIII-XII.
2. Questions will be based mainly on Indian Heritage, Art and Culture and can comprise of various rounds. There may be a few general questions as well.
3. The Quizmaster's decision is final, and all institutes are requested to abide by the rules set down.
4. Students along with the concerned teacher must report at the venue by 9:30 AM on the scheduled day.

Please confirm your institution's participation by filling in the attached form and mailing it to saadhana.reach@gmail.com.

Art Contest

A sit-and-draw competition will be held. Students are requested to bring their own pencils, pens and colours. Paper will be provided by REACH. The art Contest will be held in the following categories

1. Class I to Class IV
2. Class V to Class VIII
3. Class IX to Class XII
4. Open Category

Please fill the application form indicating the number of students participating in the Art Contest. The students accompanied by their teachers should reach the venue on time.

Crafts' Treasure Hunt

Open for schools as well as individual students, this is an activity that acquaints the young with the richness of Indian Crafts. This event will follow the Art Contest.

Photography Contest

The Contest is based on prints, size 6x8 inches, with the Virāsat Festival and its moments as a subject. Three prints can be submitted by each participant. The photographs must have the name and contact number of the participant at the back. The participant will be asked to sign a letter of authentication and give REACH the permission to upload the images on its social media pages. The Competition submissions can be made from 16th October up to 7 PM on 26th October at the BTDT (Been There Doon That) stall. Entries will be judged after that, followed by the awards presentation. Winners will be informed on the phone. **Photography of events on stage is not permitted. Photos of stage events will be automatically disqualified.**

For any further queries please feel free to contact

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