

**National Science Centre
Pragati Maidan, Near Gate No. 1
New Delhi-110001**

**Northern India Science Drama Contest 2019-20
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Northern India Science Drama Contest is organized every year by National Science Centre, Delhi to encourage the students, teachers and other science communicators to explore and experiment with the dramatic form as a means of communication. This event is a part of National Science Drama Festival organized by National Council of Science Museums throughout the country every year. Theatre or drama is an age old cultural form of our society, which has been used for entertainment, recreation and also as a medium of social interaction (i.e. to put across the social message), in other words, correcting the society in an indirect way, thus bringing a social change. By understanding the effectiveness of this medium and also to involve more youngsters to participate in this creative medium, an attempt is made to organize a science drama festival. Initially this will be held in the Taluk, District, State, Zonal level and eventually at the National Level. This is an opportunity to bring the students of different states, languages and culture to interact, exchange and explore this medium of education – THEATRE.

THEME OF DRAMA : विज्ञान एवं समाज (Science & Society)

**Sub- Themes :(1) गांधीजी और विज्ञान : Gandhi & Science (2)
सफाई, स्वच्छता एवं स्वास्थ्य: Cleanness, Health & Hygiene (3) आवर्त
सरणी : Periodic Table (4) हरित एवं स्वच्छ ऊर्जा : Green & Clean
Energy**

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

School students studying in VI class to Class X. Invited teams rather winner teams from northern states/UTs.

WHILE PREPARING THE SCRIPT THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND

1. The drama should not be an academic exercise and boring. It should convey emotional and aesthetic experience to the performers and also to the audience.
2. It should totally engage the audience and convey educational message indirectly. The performers and the audience should feel happy that they have understood / learnt something in.
3. While writing the play, care should be taken regarding the settings, duration of the play and also the number of artists taking part in the drama.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TAKING PART IN THE DRAMA COMPETITION

1. The duration of the drama should not be more than **30 minutes**.
2. There should **not be more than 8 characters (as a team for easy mobility)**.
3. It should be convey scientific message.
4. The drama team should be able to set up the props and other necessary requirements on stage within 5 minutes and should remove after the performance.
5. The language should be easy to follow (more of visuals preferred)
6. The drama can be in any Indian language (official)
7. The drama can have costumes, dance, music, mime and also models to enhance the interest and credibility of the drama.
8. Written posters / banners / A.V. aids can be used for illustration.
9. The participating school has to submit an authentic Hindi and English translation of the script to the organizer for participation.
10. The top two winner teams of Northern India Science Drama competition will be invited to participate at National Level at Birla Industrial Technological Museum, Kolkata on Jan. 2020.

CRITERIA OF JUDGMENT (100 MARKS)

a. Scientific content in the drama	30
b. Presentation of the drama	50
c. Effectiveness of the drama	20

PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded as per the judges' decision:

- Best Drama – 3 prizes (First, Second & Third prizes depending on the overall performance by the team members)
- In addition to above the prizes will be given for best direction, best script, best actor and best actress.