

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan

National Level Declamation Contest on Patriotism and Nation Building, 2018-19

I) Guidelines

National Level

The 1st prize winner of the State level contest from a State would be invited to take part in National level declamation contest. The concerned State Director will send the name and contact details of the first prize winner of the State level contest to NYKS, Hqs New Delhi well before the given Time Line.

The **National level 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners** finalized by the judges would be declared, published and given prizes and certificates. **The Rules and Regulations for the organization of Declamation Contest are given below unless otherwise specified.**

A. General Rules

- a) The **language** of the contest shall be Hindi or English only.
- b) **Target Group** - Youth in the age group of 18-29 yrs from their respective States
- c) The participants will speak on the **topic** Patriotism and Nation Building
- d) **Duration** - The **speech will be maximum of 10 minutes** duration. The time limit will be strictly enforced. A 30 seconds warning will be given.
- e) The speaker is expected to memorize their speech, and is not allowed to read any part of the speech from papers, notes, or cards.

B. The contestants may keep in view the following points while delivering their speech:-

a. Content

- (I) Greeting & introduction of the subject.

- (II) Exposition of the main theme (Conciseness & clarity of message, originality/points of interest, Incorporation of Personal References, Quotations etc).
- (III) Conclusion.

b. Speaking Presentation

- (I) Memorization (evaluated by pauses)
- (II) Verbal Clarity (Annunciation and pronunciation of words, voice strength and projection)
- (III) Presentation/Speaking style (Mannerisms, Audience contact and voice modulation, ability to keep the audience engaged by their speaking style).

c. Dress code & Mannerism

The dress code will be formal. The participants should wear simple but smartly washed and pressed clothes. The participants should also wear polished/clean footwear. They should be neat and clean and maintain the personnel hygiene with proper haircut. They should exhibit good manner and etiquettes.

C. Marking Criteria for National Level Declamation contest:

Marks may be awarded as per the following criteria out of the marks allocated against each category:-

S. No.	Marking Criteria	No. of Marks
1.	Content and Substance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Amount of Factual Data Presented ii. Historical and authentic references iii. Analysis of current situation iv. Suggestions/recommendations for improvement v. New ideas brought out 	30
2.	Communication/Oratory skills	20
3.	Presentation skills	20
4.	Clarity of ideas and thoughts	20
5.	Confidence level	10
	Total	100

The marks awarded by all the judges would be added for arriving at total marks of a participant. The average marks thus calculated will be the final score for a particular participant. Based on the scores a merit list will be prepared. On the basis of which those who have scored the highest marks in order of merit will be declared **1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize winners.**

Miscellaneous:-

1. The participants should bring with them Valid Photo Identity card.
2. Native of Block and domicile certificate issued by Gram panchayat, Block office, Institution, NYKS affiliated Youth Club/Mahila Mandal of their locality/Village etc. which was attached in the application form
3. The contestants will be judged by a panel of judges. The decision of the judges with regard to the result of the competition shall be binding.
4. All participants are expected to maintain decorum at the venue where the National Declamation Contest will be held.
5. The NYKS reserves the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct.
6. The decision of NYKS regarding interpretation of rules for any other matter related to competition will be final of the participant.
7. If there is any situation not contemplated in the rules, the NYKS decision on the same shall be final.

II) Prizes

- a) **National Level** – 1st Prize:- Rs. 2,00,000/-, 2nd Prize:- Rs. 1,00,000/- and 3rd Prize:- Rs. 50,000/-

III) Date of National level Declamation contest

24th to 25th January 2019

IV) Venue for organization of Declamation Contest at New Delhi

(Auditorium, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, Teen Murti Bhawan, Teen Murti Marg Area, New Delhi-110011)