

“AVISHKAR – 2017”

His Excellency, the then Governor of Maharashtra, Shri. S.M. Krishna has initiated a novel inter university research project competition named ‘AVISHKAR’ in the year 2006. This activity, unique in its nature, is being implemented in our university through Board of College and University Development. Savitribai Phule Pune University has taken special efforts to increase the participation of the talented students from rural and urban areas. Towards this end our university organises regional competitions and special training to these students by providing them necessary help and guidance to enhance their abilities to present their work in an effective manner. This activity has generated a lot of enthusiasm amongst students and the participation is ever increasing. Savitribai Phule Pune University has won the overall championship at the state level Avishkar competition ninth times in last consecutive ten years.

Aims and Objectives of AVISHKAR:

- To inculcate research culture among students.
- To encourage original and novel thinking.
- To provide an opportunity for expression of academic talent.
- To promote interaction among academia, R & D Institutes and Industries.

Guidelines of the participants:

Projects can be in the form of live demonstration /models / posters and should be based on innovative ideas, in given six categories.

- I. Humanities, Languages, Fine Arts, etc.
- II. Commerce, Management, Law
- III. Pure Sciences
- IV. Agriculture and Animal Husbandry
- V. Engineering & Technology
- VI. Medicine and Pharmacy

- Each college/institution can send separate entries for four levels of

UG Level

PG level

Post PG level (M. Phil /PhD)

Teacher level

Guidelines:

- Each college/institution can send a maximum of two entries in each category, irrespective of their levels (UG/PG / Post PG (M.Phil-Ph.D)/Teacher.)
- In the First Round, All contestants are expected to display their posters of 1m X 1m size before a panel of judges appointed for the purpose.
- Selected projects from the I-Round will have to give oral presentation before Judges.

- Each oral presentation will be given 8 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for question and answers.
- There is no restriction on the number of students engaged in each of the team but only one representative will present the project at the exhibition.
- Representative of the team and one accompanying person (guiding teacher or team member) will be provided local hospitality by the host institution.
- All required basic infrastructural facilities like working space, electricity, water, tables, mounting boards, LCD projector, overhead projector etc., will be made available by the host institution. For any special requirements, if any, participants should inform the coordinator well in advance.
- All entries should be forwarded through the principal of the college /Head of the institution to the coordinator of the host institution.
- Registration is compulsory for all participants. There will be no registration fee.
- Participants will be issued participation certificates from the University.
- Mounting boards (poster display boards) of 1m X 1m size will be made available by the host institution. (The poster size of 1m X 1m size will strictly be observed)
- The decision of judges will be final and binding on all participants.
- All winning teams will be informed about their selection on the same day.
- Winning teams will be selected for participation in the STAGE-II University level held at Savitribai Phule Pune University campus, Pune in the month of December.

Important instruction for participants:

- The entries must be forwarded through Principal/ Head of the Institution
- Maximum two entries in each of the following categories from college Categories.
- Last date of registration FIVE days before the competition.

Eligibility Rules:

1. Only bona-fide, full time students, who is enrolled for a degree or post graduate degree or diploma course of a minimum duration of one academic year and whose examination is conducted by the University subsequent to passing of the 12th class examination will be eligible for participation in this competition.
2. Students of open Universities shall be considered to be bona-fide students and shall be eligible to participate provided they fulfill other terms and conditions. However, students enrolled in correspondence courses in the institutions / Centers of Universities, Casual students, external students and students pursuing bridge courses **shall not be eligible.**

All the participants in Avishkar shall fulfill one of the following conditions as per the category of participation.

Undergraduate:

Students pursuing bachelors degree programme in the participating university or its conducted/affiliated colleges or recognized institutes who are below the age of 25 are eligible to participate in any of the six disciplines under this category depending upon the area of his/her research work irrespective of the faculty/stream/subject in which he/she has enrolled for the degree or diploma in the participating university.

Post-Graduate:

Any students who has completed his/her bachelors degree and pursuing post graduate studies in the participating university or its constituents/affiliated colleges or recognized institutes who is below the age of 30 is eligible to participate on any of the six disciplines under this category depending upon the area of his/her research work, irrespective work of the faculty/stream/subject in which he/she has enrolled for the post graduate degree/diploma in the participating university.

Post-PG:

Any person having a post graduate degree/diploma and has registered for a diploma/degree such as M. Phil., Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Lit., etc or is pursuing Post Doctoral Research in the participating university or its constituents/affiliated colleges or recognized institutes is eligible to participate in any of the six disciplines under this category depending upon the area of his/her research work, irrespective of the faculty/stream/subject in which he/she has enrolled **without any stipulated age limit.**

Teacher:

Only those teachers working in the University departments or affiliated colleges/ institutions of Savitribai Phule Pune University **who are pursuing their M. Phil. /Ph.D. will be allowed** to participate in Avishkar in this category

General Instruction:

A Student shall not be allowed to represent more than one university during a single academic year.

Provisional admission to a course in a participating university or college shall not make the student eligible to represent the university in Avishkar.

In case of a student migrating from one university to another his/her migration case will be considered eligible **only after** his/her admission in the new university is regularized and he/she is certified as a bona-fide student by the new university.

Prizes and Trophies:

Cash Prize State level to winners of each level:

- a. First Prize : Rs. 5,000/-
- b. Second Prize : Rs. 3,000/-

Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all the participants.

Fellowship for State level Winners:

- a. **Avishkar Graduation Fellowship @ 3,000/-** per month for a period of 10 months to the winners from UG and PG at the state level.
- b. **Avishkar Research Fellowship @ Rs. 6,000/-** per month for period of 24 months to the winners of Post PG Category at the state level.