





Time allotted



"The beauty of speech lies not just in what is said, but in how it is spoken."

Event Description

Elocution is the art of speaking clearly, confidently, and expressively. It is more than delivering words; it is about voice modulation, correct pronunciation, effective pauses, and engaging gestures that bring meaning to speech. Through elocution, one learns to communicate ideas with impact, confidence, and grace.



India is a land of heroes, visionaries, and changemakers whose lives continue to inspire generations. From fearless freedom fighters to brilliant scientists, soulful artists to compassionate leaders, each personality has left behind a legacy of courage, wisdom, and determination. As Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam once said, "Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result in action."

Students may draw inspiration from these extraordinary lives and then choose their elocution topics from the following list ONLY.



Famous Personalities of India

1. Mahatma Gandhi – Leader of India's freedom struggle and the global icon of non-violence.
2. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar – Architect of the Indian Constitution and social reformer for equality.
3. Ratan Tata – Industrialist and philanthropist known for ethical business leadership.
4. Kalpana Chawla – First Indian-born woman astronaut to travel to space.
5. Sachin Tendulkar – Legendary cricketer, hailed as the "God of Cricket."
6. Saina Nehwal – Badminton champion and Olympic medalist inspiring Indian sports.

7. Lata Mangeshkar – Iconic playback singer, often called the “Nightingale of India.”
8. A. R. Rahman – Oscar-winning music composer blending Indian and global sounds called as Mozart of Madras.
9. Satyajit Ray – Renowned filmmaker who placed Indian cinema on the world map.
10. Amartya Sen – Nobel laureate economist known for his work on welfare economics.
11. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam – “Missile Man of India” and beloved former President.
12. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai – Father of India's space program and visionary scientist.
13. Indira Gandhi – India's first and thus far the only woman Prime Minister.

14. Mary Kom – Six-time world boxing champion and Olympic medalist.
15. Virat Kohli – Modern cricketing great and former captain of the Indian team.
16. PV Sindhu – Olympic silver medalist and world champion in badminton.
17. Narendra Modi – Current Prime Minister of India known for transformative policies.
18. Homi J. Bhabha – Pioneer of India's nuclear program.
19. Viswanathan Anand – Indian chess grandmaster, a five-time World Chess Champion,, a two-time Chess World Cup Champion, six-time Chess Oscar Winner.
20. Rabindranath Tagore – First Asian Nobel laureate, poet, and composer of India's national anthem.

21. C. V. Raman – Nobel laureate physicist who discovered the Raman Effect.
22. M. S. Dhoni – World Cup-winning cricket captain admired for his calm leadership.
23. Mukesh Ambani – Indian billionaire businessman, the chairman and managing director of Reliance Industries
24. Kiran Bedi – First woman IPS officer of India, known for her reforms and integrity.
25. Dr. Verghese Kurien – Father of the White Revolution, who transformed India's dairy sector.
26. Satyendra Nath Bose – Theoretical physicist after whom the "boson" particle is named.
27. Arundhati Roy – Booker Prize-winning author of The God of Small Things.



28. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel – “Iron Man of India” who unified princely states post-independence.
29. Neeraj Chopra – Olympic gold medalist in javelin, making history in athletics.
30. Shaheed Bhagat Singh – Revolutionary freedom fighter who inspired generations with his courage.



Type of participation	Individual
Maximum number of participants	1 from each category
Type of Entry Video	Zonal: Video; Finale: Live in-person

General Instructions

- Participants may choose a piece from the provided reference texts or select another relevant piece on Famous Personalities of India with prior approval from the Organising Committee.



- Participants must memorise their speech. Reading from notes during the recording is strictly prohibited.
- Participants must speak in English for the English category and in Hindi for the Hindi category.
- Participants are not allowed to use props, cue cards, or reading materials during their speech.

Specific Instructions

Zonal Rounds: Video to be recorded for the zonal round.

- The background should be a plain or solid coloured wall or a relevant presentation supporting the speech.



- Video to be recorded in portrait format.
- Edited video submissions will not be accepted for evaluation.
- All video entries must be submitted on or before the final submission date. Late submissions will not be considered for evaluation.

Finale

- One student per zone, per category will be selected for the finals.
- As per judgement, selected students will be given a bouquet of topics to pick and prepare for finale. They can also use the same script that they used in the zonal round.
- A microphone and speaking area will be provided by the organising committee during the live event.



Judgement Criteria

1. **Voice Modulation** – Appropriate use of pitch, tone, pace, and pauses to enhance speech delivery.
2. **Pronunciation and Clarity** – Clear articulation, correct pronunciation, and emphasis on keywords.
3. **Expression and Delivery** – Engaging presentation with logical flow, emotions, and effective use of gestures.
4. **Confidence** – Strong stage presence, body language, and eye contact with the audience.
5. **Content Relevance** – Adherence to the theme, coherence, originality, and impact of the speech.