

Guidelines

Events:

| Age group | Colouring | Pencil drawing | Fancy dress | Solo song | Group Song | Solo Dance - Cinematic / Semi Classical | Solo Dance - Classical | Group Dance | | | | Quiz - General | Elocution – English | Elocution – Malayalam | Story Writing - English | Poem Writing - English |
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| | | | | | | | | Cinematic / Semi-Classical | Classical | Oppana | Margam Kali | | | | | |
| 0 - 5 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 - 9 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 10 - 12 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 13 - 16 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Note: Age as on 30th September 2019.

Colouring

- A colouring sheet will be provided to each participant.
- The maximum time allowed is **30 mins**.
- Colour pencils/sketches will be provided by Ente Keralam.
- Participants are required to bring colouring boards.

Pencil drawing

- Participants will be asked to draw a picture based on a theme.
- The maximum time allowed is **1 hr**.
- Drawing papers & Pencils will be provided by Ente Keralam.
- Participants are required to bring drawing boards.

Fancy Dress

- Participants will be expected to walk across the stage one at a time.
- The maximum time allowed for a participant is **2 minutes**.
- Narrating a slogan or a brief dialogue based on their character is allowed.
- Microphones will be set up on stage to present their dialogue.

Solo Song

- Only Indian regional songs are allowed.
- Karaoke is allowed.



- Only light music or movie songs are allowed.
- The maximum allowed duration is **5 minutes**.
- Live instruments and song mixing (Medleys) are not allowed.
- Karaoke must be submitted to Ente Keralam on or before **Thursday, 10th October 2019**.

Group Song

- Only Indian regional songs are allowed.
- Karaoke is allowed.
- Only light music or movie songs are allowed.
- The maximum allowed duration is **5 minutes**.
- Live instruments and song mixing (Medleys) are not allowed.
- Minimum 3 participants must be required to perform a group song.
- Duets songs are not allowed for group songs competition.
- Karaoke must be submitted to Ente Keralam on or before **Thursday, 10th October 2019**.

Solo Dance

- Song selection can be from any Indian regional language.
- Only Cinematic or Semi-Classical dances are allowed
- The maximum time allowed is **5 minutes**.
- Fusion songs are not allowed.
- Classical dances must be performed under the Classical category, ie, not under other groups.
- Music must be submitted to Ente Keralam on or before **Thursday, 10th October 2019**.

Group Dances (Cinematic/ Semi-Classical, Margam Kali, Oppana, Classical)

- Song selection can be from any recognized Indian language
- Maximum time allowed is **5 minutes**
- Minimum 3 participants are required to participate in this event.
- Fusion songs are not allowed
- Classical dances must be performed under the Classical category, ie, not under other groups.
- Music must be submitted to Ente Keralam on or before **Thursday, 10th October 2019**.

Elocution – English & Malayalam

- A range of topics will be given for the participants to practice upon their successful registration.
- For age groups 10-12 & 13-16, a topic will be randomly picked (at least 1 hr before) on the day to perform.
- Age group 5-9 will have the legacy to perform any one topic from the given list.
- Cue cards can be used. However, reading will not be encouraged.



- English and Malayalam elocutions will be held in isolation.

Story & Poem Writing

- A Short story / and A Poem per a registered candidate must be submitted to Ente Keralam email (entekeralamaustralia@gmail.com) on or before **Thursday, 10th October 2019**.
- Your submission items must be unpublished and must not be under consideration by any other bodies.
- Stories can be of any type (Fiction/Non-Fiction) with not more than 5000 words, the title is not included in the word count.
- Stories & Poems must be developed and written by the kids.
- Stories and Poems will be accepted in English only.
- Poems can be based on any themes and must not be more than 50 lines, either handwritten or typed.
- Do not include the author's name on any of the submitting materials.
- Parents are requested to encourage your children to use their own imagination.

Quiz:

- A General Quiz competition will be conducted to individuals (not group) on the day.
- A sample questionnaire will be given upon your registration.
- Quizzing topics will include general knowledge, history, current affairs, sports, entertainment etc
- Decision of quiz master is final and binding.
- The Quiz Master reserves the rights to make amendments.

Registration and cancellation:

- Each participant must submit their registration online using Ente Keralam official website (<https://entekeralam.com.au/sargolsavam-2019/>) on or before **Thursday, 10th October 2019**.
- Please ensure the correct spelling of participant's full name in registration form, as we will be recognising your child(ren) with participation certificates.
- Any cancellations must be communicated to Ente Keralam on or before **Thursday, 10th October 2019** (cut-off date).
- **You are required to pay \$15 per child**, as registration fee to participate in various events (any number of events). *ie, One child can participate in all events pertaining to the group with one registration fee.*
- **Registration fees must be paid via bank transfer (account transfer) with your registered mobile number as a reference.**
- Registration fees will not be reimbursed for cancellations after the cut-off date.
- Participants are encouraged to participate in any number of events.
- **For any group events, all members of the group must have individual registrations.**
- For any group events, the number of participants and the group member's details must be informed to Ente Keralam team upon registration.



- Group item participants are requested to strictly adhere to age brackets. In case, where any group participants are found to be from outside their selected age bracket, they will be requested to perform within the age group pertaining to the oldest group member.
- Based on your registration, Ente Keralam will allocate a unique chest number to each participant to perform various events.
- Should there be insufficient entries/issues for any given competition; Ente Keralam reserves the right to cancel /conduct it as a performance item. Participants will be notified in an event of such occurrences.

Participation:

- Please arrive at the venue at least 30 mins earlier than your schedule to ensure a smooth transition to the events.
- Your presence at the venue for participation must be confirmed upon arrival at the reception.
- You will be welcomed and your queries will be answered by Ente Keralam volunteers at the venue.
- Printed chest numbers will be given at the venue from 9.00 am onwards.
- Printed Chest number must be displayed by participants during their performance.
- An approximate participation schedule & event sequence will be provided to each individual in advance.
- Chest numbers will be called upon to stage and a maximum of 2 calls will be given to each participant to perform their events. No further chances will be given to any participants under any circumstances.
- For colouring and pencil drawing, please bring your own drawing boards. However, Ente Keralam will provide sketch/colour pencils, pencils and other required materials at the venue. If you have any special requirements, please advise us upon registration.
- A light inauguration ceremony will occur approximately by 9:20 – 9:30 am prior to main stage events.
- Colouring, Drawing, and Elocution competitions are expected to be conducted in parallel with other events.
- For Short story and Poem writing competitions, candidates must submit their unpublished materials as per the guidelines set out above.
- Best stories and Poems will be recognised to publish in EnteKeralam's annual magazine.
- Story and Poem writing participants may withdraw their already submitted entries from the competition by email notification to Ente Keralam on or before **11th October 2019**; entry fees may not be refunded on such occasions.

Judgement:

- Ente Keralam will be taking an appropriate panel of judges to score the events.
- A unique scoring sheet for each event will be provided to all judges.
- Please be familiar with the judging criteria from the 'Judging Criteria sheet'.
- As you appreciate, we have taken appropriate measures to avoid any conflict of interest in selecting the judging panel. However, due to nature of events, demographics and the niche community; it might not be possible to select a judging panel with Zero tolerance.



- Upon completion of events, marking sheets will be collected and tallied at the back office.
- The participant(s) hereby agrees and confirms that all decisions of quiz master(s) and Judges are final and binding and is non-contestable. The participant(s) shall neither question such process nor dispute the same in any manner
- Each event will have 2 prizes (1st, 2nd), provided if we have more than 2 participants. However, if any events have only one participant, Ente Keralam may not recognise it as a competition.
- If any events have only 2 participants, Ente Keralam may not recognise the second prize.
- Winners will be announced as soon the decisions are made.
- Complementary, participation certificates will be given to all participants (non-winners).
- Story and Poem writing entries are judged anonymously. Hence do not include the author's name on the document. Ente Keralam will provide a unique id for identification.

Privacy:

- By participating in Ente Keralam Sargolsavam, all participants grant the association exclusive permission to use their names, characters, materials, voice and their performances to photograph, video record, and the likenesses in connection with promotion of these events and other contests and waive any claims to royalty, right, or remuneration for such use.
- If you prefer not to video record/ photograph your kid's performance officially, please inform us via written email to Ente Keralam's email address upon registration.
- Ente Keralam will not be liable to any legal implications if your story/poem submissions are found guilty of plagiarism.
- If you have any objection to publish your materials in Ente Keralam's annual magazine, please advise us by written email upon registration.

General:

- Any reference associated with 'Ente Keralam' in this document is the brand name of the registered entity called '**Ente Keralam Cultural Forum INC**'.
- The competitions will take place in sequence as each gets completed, please ensure participants' availability at the premises.
- Please provide the soundtracks for singing and dancing competition over mail or google drive before **Thursday, 10th October 2019**
- Any technical errors during the event which are beyond our control are to be excused.
- Green rooms for changing costumes will be provided to boys and girls separately.
- Any concerns can be immediately brought to the attention of our dedicated volunteers.
- You may purchase snacks and lunch at a reasonable price from the venue.
- 30 mins break will be provided during lunch.
- Ente Keralam volunteers are assigned to manage the event in a concise and professional manner. Any misconduct from the crowd will not be tolerated and appropriate measures will be taken in a timely manner.



- Ente Keralam will have the right to expel anyone from the premises if found guilty of any sorts of misconduct which would impact the smooth running of the event.
- Please take responsibility for your personal belongings. Ente Keralam will take no responsibility for the items lost, left behind, stolen or damaged.
- Please ensure that the venues are kept clean and tidy. Any purposeful damage and antisocial behaviours may lead to policing, damage control and potential legal prosecutions.
- Ente Keralam and any person acting for and on behalf of it, assume no responsibility for any loss or damages, physical or otherwise and in all events, the liability is limited to One Australian Dollar (\$1 AUD).
- As you appreciate, every effort has been made to prepare, plan and schedule to make this event a grand success. We will ensure that the schedule is adhered as planned and displayed. There might be cases where we need to deviate from the plan due to unavoidable circumstances. Hence, Ente Keralam event committee reserves all rights to amend any changes for the smooth conduct of these events.

Conclusion:

- A public ceremony will be organised after the conclusion of all events.
- We are intending to conduct the public function at 5:00 - 6:00 PM.
- All winners will be recognised with prizes during the conclusion ceremony.
- All participants may please collect their participation certificates from the reception desk.
- A photo session with all winners will be taken at the end of the public ceremony.