



**University of Pune,
Pune- 411007**

Board of Colleges and University Development

Ref. No. 303

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To,
Principals / Directors,
All Colleges and Institutions
Affiliated to Pune University

Dear Sir/Madam,

Research and innovations are considered to be the fundamental factors for knowledge creation, which is essential for the development of human society. The Pune University has been taking efforts to create conducive research culture and nurturing it for grooming the future talents. Keeping this in view and share up with the colleges and institutions in this responsibility, the University of Pune organizes student research competition called 'AVISHKAR', every year to identify and nurture the research talent in the students of University of Pune. For the year 2013-14, we have scheduled the months of November/December to conduct the 'AVISHKAR'. The Avishkar is held at three levels – Regional, University, and State.

We are writing this letter to know your keenness to conduct the regional level Avishkar in your College / Institute. If you are interested in conducting in your college / institute, you may please inform us by **25th September, 2013**, along with details of infrastructure facilities in your college / institute to conduct the proceeding of the 'Avishkar' as accommodate the candidates and Resource Persons attending it.

On receiving responses from interested colleges and institutions, we shall finalize the dates and venues. The venue will be decided by Director, BCUD, after consultation with advisory committee. A write-up containing the details of Avishakar is enclosed for your reference. **We further request you to intimate the students of your college and institution to start preparing their research projects for the 'Avishakar-2013' as per the guidelines.**

You may send your response to the Officer on Special Duty, Board of Colleges and University Development, University of Pune, Pune – 411 007, Email: osd_bcud@unipune.ac.in. In case of any query you may contact on Office Phone No. **020-25601263**.

Looking forward for your timely response.

With regards,

Sd/-

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“AVISHKAR – 2013”

His Excellency, Governor of Maharashtra, Shri. S.M. Krishna has initiated a novel research project competition named in the year 2006. This activity, unique in its nature, is being implemented through Board of College and University Development. University of Pune has taken special efforts to increase the participation of the talented students from rural and urban areas. Special efforts have been taken to organize regional competitions, organize special training to these students and provide 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. University of Pune has won the overall championship at the Avishkar competition for last consecutive five 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 TO 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 etc.

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

- 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 University of Pune campus, Pune in the month of December.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS 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.