



# DIANOIA

Dianoia is the oratory and debate event of Pravega. The event consists of two stages: an online preliminary round, and a finale on the day of the fest in IISc.

## ELIGIBILITY

- High school students (grades 11-12) and Undergraduate students. This is an individual contest, and not a team one.

## PRELIMS

- The prelims will be conducted online, through proctored mode, in the 5th - 6th of August (exact dates will be declared soon) on Microsoft Teams platform.
- Participants will be presented with a choice of three debate prompts to speak on. Upon choosing a prompt, a side, i.e., for or against, will be randomly assigned to them.
- Each participant will be given 5 minutes to prepare their arguments. They must speak on the topic for a minimum duration of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes. We will use the "Breakout Room" feature for the same.
- Entries will be recorded and judged by the Dianoia team after the contest. Results of the preliminary round will be declared within 15 days of the contest, both on the website, as well as via emails sent to the finalists.

## FINALS

- From the prelims, 8-10 participants selected for the finale.
- The selected finalists will be invited to the IISc campus for Pravega 2023 (dates out soon!) to compete in a multi-round contest involving a myriad of events.
- All finalists will be provided travel reimbursement and accommodation by the Pravega team.



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## JUDGING CRITERIA

We seek to evaluate presentations based on the quality of oration and argumentation. Here are a few general areas that would be assessed in the contest (both the prelims and finals):

- Structure of the presentation
- Quality and relevance of arguments
- Flow of speech and pace
- Clarity of diction and tone modulations
- Body language
- Improvisation
- Versatility
- Ability to influence the audience/judges
- Point-wise rebuttals (where relevant)

## REGISTRATION

- To register, visit the official event website.
- There is no registration fee for the event. Registration remains open till the date of the prelims.
- Please make sure to enter the correct email address when registering as we will be using this mode for all official communication.

## PRIZES

All finalists will receive Pravega merchandise and appreciation certificates from IISc. In addition, podium finishers would receive exciting cash prizes and trophies.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- The organisers will strive to provide politically neutral prompts. We strongly encourage the participants to avoid overt mention of political or religious figures and outfits.
- Use of unparliamentary language/gestures, or an intent to offend or hurt sentiments of any individual/community in the contest will not be tolerated and may lead to disqualification.
- The Dianoia team reserves the right to modify the rules and regulations at any time. Participants are required to abide by the same and will be informed of any changes made.
- In cases of conflict, the organizers' decision is final and binding.