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# **HINDI DIVAS (DAY) 2008 in Australia**

## **Community Notice / Media Information 22 August 2008**

Hindi is a language of harmony and understanding said Ban Ki Moon during the 8th World Hindi Conference on Hindi at United Nation headquarter in New York and surprised many by inaugurating the ceremony with Namaste! Kya Hal Chal hai?

September 14 is celebrated as Hindi Day and was adopted as the official language of Constituent assembly in 1949 on this day. The Constitution of India adopted Hindi in *Devanagiri* Script as the official language of the union under Article (343) in 1950.

In pursuance of the tradition & objective of promoting the Hindi Language in Australia and also to promote the declaration of the Govt of India about the Hindi Diwas, we are commemorating the Hindi Diwas on Sunday, 14 September 2008. The venue is Tom Mann Theatre, 136 Chalmers Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010 from 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

Hon. Sujan Chinoy, Consul General of India, Sydney has blessed this program and has extended his support.

We would like to organise the following programs and activities for the day:

- 1. Poetry Writing Competition**
- 2. Story Writing Competition**
- 3. Narration of a poem or story by a child**
- 4. Poetry / Story recitation by an elder in Hindi and explanation by a child in English**
- 5. Acknowledgement of distinguished individuals in Australia who have provided special efforts / service to promote Hindi in Australia**

We shall arrange a competition among the Australian or Permanent Citizens who write or want to write in Hindi. **Best entries will be awarded in the program.**

Selected entrants shall be invited to recite or read their work in the program. We shall also print the selected entries in Bhavan Australia monthly magazine.

1. Age Group:

We shall arrange competition among the following groups:

- A. Up to 16 Yrs
- B. From 16 to up to 24 yrs
- C. From 25 up to any age group

2. Competition Subjects shall be:

Earth ( *Bhumi - Zameen* )

Air ( *Vau- Havaa* )

Ocean ( *Saagar - Samundar* )

Sky ( *Akaash -Aasman* )

Fire ( *Aaag* )

Way ( *Raah* )

Teacher or School ( *Adhyaapak /Paathshalla- Master/School* )

3. Details of the entries :

**Poetry Writing:** Minimum 8 lines & Maximum 240 words on any one or more on the above subjects

**Story Writing :** Maximum 700 words on any one or more on the above subjects

**Narration of a poem or Story :** Maximum 6 Minutes on any one or more on the above subjects

**Poetry / Story explanation by a child :** This will be a spot competition and participants are expected to listen and explain in English the meaning of the poetry or story

**Acknowledgement of distinguished individuals in Australia who have provided special efforts / service to promote Hindi in Australia :**

Individual , community organizations , associations , businesses and Govt organizations are welcomed to propose the names and profile of those individuals who have done and extra ordinary work in promoting Hindi in Australia. Entries are welcomed for specific work on Poetry Writing / Story Writing / Media – Radio – TV work / Hindi teaching or any specific work on Hindi.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Australia has full right to accept or reject the suggested entry.

4. Use of Easy language:

(More suitable for wider reader's choice rather than a hard (*Kalisht*) Hindi.

5. Medium:

Preferable a soft copy but we may accept hard copies.



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No Religious Entry shall be considered for this competition but a religious work which can bring religions / people together shall be welcomed.

Judges: We shall nominate a panel of judges from the wider cross section of the Australian community who understand, speak, write and read Hindi.

Promotion:

Project is proposed to be promoted in Australia via radio, internet, news paper and other way of promotions.

Involvement of other States of Australia:

For achieving a wider publicity about Hindi Diwas , we shall pass on the above criteria's to other states of Australia also.

**Project Coordinator : Abbas Raza Alvi - Director Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Australia**

**Last date of the entries :**

Last date for all the entries shall be by **11<sup>th</sup> of September 2008**

Above details can also be seen on our website. Please visit:

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