



ROSTRUM
DIARIES
presents

Belagavi

Poetry Festival

Rule Book

1. All poems must be the original work of the entrant.
2. The maximum word limit for the poem is **500 words**.
3. The submissions can be from any place across the globe & is open for all age groups.
4. The poetry festival is open for submissions in **English, Hindi, Kannada or Marathi**, which will give a spotlight to number of poems. Your submissions should mainly focus on poetry journals, so no article write ups or blogs is accepted. **No Hinglish / mix of language-based poetries are allowed. If found will be disqualified.**
5. The submissions can be submitted as per any theme. So, there is no any theme as such. We accept poetries in all forms and themes.
6. The decision of the judge is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
7. The Festival reserves the right to withhold prizes if such an action is justified.
8. Entries not complying with competition rules will be disqualified.
9. Head on to the link for the registration www.belagavipoetryfestival.com
10. A registration charge of **INR 100 /-** will be applicable for each submission and a participant can send as many as submissions they wish.
11. Once the registration is done, it would take a min of 72 hours (3 days) to review and post it on our website.
You can check your submissions - <http://belagavipoetryfestival.com/poetry/>
12. Every performer would be getting the e-copy of the participation certificate & the same shall be emailed after valedictory function.
13. The deadline for all the participants to register is on ~~May 16, 2021.~~
Extended to June 13, 2021
14. The Valedictory function would be scheduled on ~~June 6th SUNDAY, 2021 at Hotel Eefa, Belagavi @4.00 PM.~~ **POSTPONED & revised date will shortly be announced on**

the website. You will have an option to book your tickets at the time of registration. The ticket costs INR 100 which is inclusive of beverages at EEFA

You can book your tickets / slots here <https://belagavipoetryfestival.com/tickets>

Please note - The Festival team **will not be** responsible for taking care of the accommodation / arrangements for the outstation people.

The entry to the valedictory event is not complimentary and the participant needs to buy a ticket to attend valedictory event !

- ***The valedictory event is subject to change as per COVID 19 – regulations.***

15. The submissions are open for all age groups & there is no age limit to participate in the poetry festival. **The submissions can be done by any person across the globe! and the event is not limited to people residing at Belagavi alone.**

16. Make sure the content in your poem is not racist, sexist or derogatory to any community or group in any form. And the poem should not spread hate of any sort. Use of abusive language or anything against country is condoned and the participant will be disqualified.

17. AWARDS & PRIZES - **Please check** <https://belagavipoetryfestival.com/awards/>

Top 200 shortlisted poetries will be published at FREE COST in Belagavi Poetry Festival 2021 Booklet.

18. Guidelines for AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARDS

There are TWO kinds of Audience Choice Awards:

i. Audience Choice Award 1 – *Online Based Voting on WEBSITE*

[Online Voting starts on March 26th & ends on June 15th, 2021]

Each person can vote only once and the same

shall be tracked by the IP address of the network being used. To vote - Please visit <http://belagavipoetryfestival.com/voting/>

If you are connected to a wifi / shared internet network the IP address of the shared network will be considered. For example - if you have multiple devices connected over wifi and you try to vote using those multiple devices, in this case only one vote will be considered based on the IP address of the network.

ii. Audience Choice Award 2 – *Instagram Based Voting*

[Online Voting starts on March 26th & ends on June 15th, 2021] The Instagram Based Voting will commence as soon as the participant registers, and later his/her photo will be uploaded on Belagavi Poetry Festival's Instagram's profile page within 72 hrs of the registration. Online voting will begin from this point of time and will close on MAY 30th, 2021(6:00PM) [whereas, uploading of the applicant's photo will start from 26th March 2021].

The Instagram account of Belagavi Poetry Festival is
<http://www.instagram.com/belagavipoetryfestival/>

19. The details associated will be uploaded on Instagram within 72 hrs after the participant has shared the details

Below are the 4 steps to be followed for Instagram based Voting

Step 1 - Follow @rostrumdiaries Instagram profile. Instagram Profile of Rostrum Diaries is: www.instagram.com/rostrum.diaries/

Step 2 – Follow @belagavipoetryfestival Instagram profile. Instagram Profile of Belagavi Poetry Festival is www.instagram.com/belagavipoetryfestival/

Step 3 - Like the participant's photo uploaded on Belagavi Poetry Festival Instagram Profile

Step 4 - Comment "**Voted**" on the Participant's photo on Instagram Profile. Please note - Only one comment per audience will be considered.

20. The counting of the Instagram based voting - votes will be done based on:

- Number of Likes on the Photo of the Participant. It would be verified if people who like the photo are also following both the Instagram profiles i.e., @rostrumdiaries and @belagavipoetryfestival. ***If there is a LIKE but the person is not following the Instagram profiles then in that case it won't be considered.***
- Number of Comments on the photo of participant uploaded on Instagram
- In case the profiles are unfollowed on later part, the vote will not be considered and would be termed as VOID.
- All the 4 steps need to be followed compulsorily to ensure your vote is considered.

21. Judging Criteria involves –

Creativity/Style – 20%

Originality – 30%

Coherence of form and structure (harmony of words) – 25%

Clarity of imagery and use of right vocabulary – 25%

Please note – Language is not the criteria for Judging and There will be language specific judges appointed to judge the same. To know about the judges visit <https://belagavipoetryfestival.com/judges/>

22. The Valedictory function where in the WINNERS will be declared followed by Prize Distribution. The date shall be updated on the website shortly. You can book your tickets / slots here
<https://belagavipoetryfestival.com/tickets>
23. For any details regarding the festival, submission call us on **9986186781** or directly WhatsApp us by clicking the link <https://belagavipoetryfestival.com/chat>
24. Disputes if any shall be subject to Belagavi jurisdiction only.
25. Top 100 submissions would be shortlisted to get published in ROSTRUM publications.
26. Once the poetry is submitted, there will be no refund entertained.