# University of Pune,
# Pune- 411007
## Board of Colleges and University Development

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To,
The Principals / Directors/ Head,
All Affiliated Colleges/ Institutes/ Departments,
University of Pune, Pune - 07

Dear Sir/ Madam,

This is to inform you that BCUD, University of Pune has been organizing AVISHKAR, novel research project competition from 2006 and has incredible performance for last seven years at state level. This year "AVISHKAR- 2013" for Zonal level has been proposed to organize during November to December 2013. I request you to inform Academic & Research coordinator (A.R.C) of your college and intimate the student of your college / institution to start selection process from your colleges for various levels UG, PG, Doctoral, and Teacher under six categories for the competition.

The details of the competition guidelines for AVISHKAR-2013 have been attached here.

Looking forward to your kind co-operation.

With warm 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 of 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
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 level**

## Guidelines:

- 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 instruction 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.

## Eligibility Rules:

1.    Only bona-fide, full time students, who is enrolled for a degree or post graduate degree or diploma course of a minimum duration of one academic year and whose examination is conducted by the University subsequent to passing of the 12$^{th}$ class examination will be eligible for participation in  this competition.

2.    Students of open Universities shall be considered to be bona-fide students and shall be eligible to participate provided they fulfill other terms and conditions. However, students enrolled in correspondence courses in the institutions / Centers of Universities, Casual students, external students and students pursuing bridge courses **shall not be eligible.**

**All the participants in Avishkar shall fulfill one of the following conditions as per the category of participation.**

**Undergraduate**:
Students pursuing bachelors degree programme in the participating university or its conducted/affiliated colleges or recognized institutes who are below the age of 25 are eligible to participate in any of the six disciplines under this category depending upon the area of his/her research work irrespective of the faculty/stream/subject in which he/she has enrolled for the degree or diploma in the participating university.

**Post-Graduate**:
 Any students who has completed his/her bachelors degree and pursuing post graduate studies in the participating university or its constituents/affiliated colleges or recognized

institutes who is below the age of 30 is eligible to participate on any of the six disciplines under this category depending upon the area of his/her research work, irrespective work of the faculty/stream/subject in which he/she has enrolled for the post graduate degree/diploma in the participating university.

**Post-PG**:

Any person having a post graduate degree/diploma and has registered for a diploma/degree such as M. Phil., Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Lit., etc or is pursuing Post Doctoral Research in the participating university or its constituents/affiliated colleges or recognized institutes is eligible to participate in any of the six disciplines under this category depending upon the area of his/her research work, irrespective of the faculty/stream/subject in which he/she has enrolled **without any stipulated age limit**.

**Teacher:**

**Only those teachers** working in the University departments or affiliated colleges/ institutions of University of Pune **who are pursuing their M. Phil. /Ph.D. will be allowed** to participate in Avishkar in this category

## General Instruction:

A Student shall not be allowed to represent more than one university during a single academic year.

Provisional admission to a course in a participating university or college shall not make the student eligible to represent the university in Avishkar.

In case of a student migrating from one university to another his/her migration case will be considered eligible **only after** his/her admission in the new university is regularized and he/she is certified as a bona-fide student by the new university.