

AIU's 39th Inter-University Youth Festival 2025-26 (UNIFESTs)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sl. No.	Items	Max. Participants (P)	Max. Accompanists (A)	Max. Total (P+A)	Min. Time (Minutes)	Max. Time (Minutes)
MUSIC EVENTS						
1.	Classical Vocal Solo (Hindustani or Karnatak)	1	3	4	8	10
2.	Classical Instrumental Solo (Percussion)	1	3	4	8	10
3.	Classical Instrumental Solo (Non-Percussion)	1	3	4	8	10
4.	Light Vocal (Indian)*	1	3	4	4	6
5.	Western Vocal (Solo)*	1	3	4	4	6
6.	Group Song (Indian)	6	5	11	8	10
7.	Group Song (Western)	6	5	11	8	10
8.	Folk Orchestra	9	3	12	8	10
9.	Western Instrumental (Solo)	1	3	4	6	8
DANCE EVENTS						
10.	Folk / Tribal Dance	10	5	15	8	10
11.	Classical Dance	1	5	6	8	10
12.	Creative Choreography	12	3	15	8	10
LITERARY EVENTS						
13.	General Quiz	3	-	3	-	-
14.	Vagmita (Hindi Elocution)*	1	-	1	4	5
15.	Elocution (English)*	1	-	1	4	5
16.	Debate (English)*	2	-	2	4	5
17.	Vaad Viwaad (Hindi Debate)*	2	-	2	4	5
THEATRE EVENTS						
18.	One Act Play	9	5	14	25	30
19.	Skits	6	3	9	8	10
20.	Mime	6	2	8	4	5
21.	Mimicry*	1	-	1	4	5
FINE ARTS EVENTS						
22.	On the Spot Painting	1	-	1	120	150
23.	Collage	1	-	1	120	150
24.	Poster Making	1	-	1	120	150
25.	Clay Modelling	1	-	1	120	150
26.	Cartooning	1	-	1	120	150
27.	Rangoli	1	-	1	120	150
CULTURAL PROCESSION						
28.	Cultural Procession	Details available in the rules & regulations				

Please note:

- a. Seven Events which have been Star Marked (*) above shall get 15 seconds Grace Time. However, for all other Events the Grace Time Limit shall be 30 Seconds. The performance time of all events will be the same at both Zonal and National Youth Festivals.
- b. Point system for calculation of overall trophy & category trophies

Event Type	Points System	First Position	Second Position	Third Position
Group	9-7-5	9	7	5
Solo	5-3-1	5	3	1



ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES (AIU), NEW DELHI

YOUTH FESTIVAL (UNIFESTs)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

MUSIC

a. Classical Vocal Solo: (Hindustani/ Karnatak)

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The duration of the performance shall be between **8 to 10 minutes**.
3. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 5 minutes.
4. A maximum of **three accompanists** is permitted.
5. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music is not permitted.
6. The item can be presented in either the Hindustani or Carnatic style.
7. Cinema songs are not allowed in this item.
8. Sufficient thought and care must be exercised in the choice of Raga and composition.
9. Judgment will be based on qualities such as Taal, selection of Raga, elaboration of Raga, composition, Alap, Taan, Layakari, and overall impression.

b. Classical Instrumental Solo (Percussion – Tal Vadya)

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The duration of the performance shall be between **8 to 10 minutes**.
3. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 5 minutes.
4. A maximum of **three accompanists** is permitted.
5. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music is not permitted.
6. Participants must bring their own instruments.
7. The item can be presented in either the Hindustani or Carnatic style.
8. Judgment will be based on qualities such as Taal, selection of Raga, composition, Kayada, Rela, Tukda, Layakari, and overall impression.

c. Classical Instrumental Solo (Non-Percussion – Swar Vadya)

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The duration of the performance shall be between **8 to 10 minutes**.
3. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 5 minutes.
4. A maximum of **three accompanists** is permitted.
5. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music is not permitted.
6. Participants must bring their own instruments. Casio is not allowed.
7. Instruments of Western origin that have been adopted into the Indian Raga system are allowed.
8. The item can be presented in either the Hindustani or Carnatic style.
9. Judgment will be based on qualities such as Swara, Taal, selection of Raga, elaboration of Raga, Alap, Taan, Layakari, composition, and overall impression.

d. Light Vocal (Indian)

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The duration of the performance shall be between **4 to 6 minutes**.
3. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 3 minutes.
4. A maximum of **three accompanists** is permitted.
5. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music is not permitted.
6. Only non-film songs such as Geet, Ghazal, Bhajan, Shabad, and Abhangas may be presented.
7. Judgment will be based on qualities such as Swara, Taal, selection of Raga, selection of song, aesthetics, pronunciation, expression, composition, and overall impression.

e. Western Vocal Solo

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The duration of the performance shall be between **4 to 6 minutes**.
3. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 3 minutes.
4. A maximum of **three accompanists** is permitted.
5. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music, musical patches, or presets from keyboards are not allowed.
6. The language of the song must be English.
7. Judgment will be based on qualities such as composition, rhythm, coordination, and overall impression.

f. Group Song (Indian)

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. A group may have up to **six singers**.
3. The duration of the performance shall be between **8 to 10 minutes**.
4. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 5 minutes.
5. A maximum of **five accompanists** is permitted.
6. Each team must present two songs: one patriotic song and one folk song.
7. The group songs should be selected from Indian music and may be in any regional language.
8. Film songs are not permitted as group songs.
9. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music, musical patches, or presets from keyboards are not allowed.
10. Judgment will be based solely on the quality of singing, selection of song, pronunciation, theka, and coordination — not on makeup, costumes, or stage actions.

g. Groups songs (Western)

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. A group may have a maximum of **six singers**.
3. The duration of the performance shall be between **8 to 10 minutes**.
4. A maximum of **five accompanists** is permitted.
5. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 5 minutes.
6. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music, musical patches, or presets from keyboards are not allowed.
7. The group songs must be in the English language.
8. Judgment will be based solely on the quality of singing and not on makeup, costumes, or stage actions of the team.

h. Folk Orchestra

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The team shall consist of a maximum of **12 performers** (not exceeding 9 participants and 3 accompanists).
3. The duration of the performance shall be between **8 to 10 minutes**.
4. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 10 minutes.
5. A maximum of **three accompanists** is permitted. They must wear attire different from that of the student participants so they can be easily identified. The accompanists must sit or stand separately from the participants and shall not lead the team. Judges will ensure compliance through introductions and other means.
6. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music is not permitted.
7. The team should preferably present folk tunes that are recognized as belonging to the state to which the university belongs.
8. Singing is strictly prohibited.
9. Marking will be solely based on the quality of the music composed. Instruments used should primarily be those traditionally associated with folk music.
10. Any efforts to enhance visual appeal through set design, orchestration, etc. Will not be consideration in evaluation/marking.
11. Dance during folk orchestra performance is discouraged.

i. Western Instrumental Solo

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The duration of the performance shall be between **6 to 8 minutes**.
3. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 5 minutes.
4. A maximum of **three accompanists** is permitted.
5. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music, musical patches, or presets from keyboards are not allowed.
6. Each participant shall perform Western music on any percussion or non-percussion instrument.
7. The participant may perform in any one genre/style or fuse various genres/styles of Western music.

DANCE

a. Folk/Tribal Dance

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. A maximum of **10 participants** is allowed per team.
3. The duration of the performance shall be between **8 to 10 minutes**.
4. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 10 minutes.
5. A maximum of **five accompanists** is permitted.
6. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music or audio/CDs are not permitted.
7. The dance may be either a primitive or a folk dance (Indian style) or a tribal dance of India, but not a classical dance.
8. Three copies of a brief note describing the theme (Hindi/English) and the text of the song, if any, must be submitted along with the entry form at the time of registration.
9. The participating team will be responsible for the immediate removal of their sets, properties, etc., after the completion of their performance.
10. Judgment will be based on rhythm, formation, expression, costumes, make-up, sets, and overall effect.
11. Marking will be strictly based on the quality of dance. Extra efforts to enhance visual appeal through set design will not be considered for marking.

b. Classical Dance (Indian)

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The classical dance can be from any of the approved schools of dance, i.e., Kathak, Kathakali, Bharatnatyam, Manipuri, Kuchipudi, Mohiniyattam, Odissi, or Sattriya.
3. The duration of the performance shall be between **8 to 10 minutes**.
4. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 5 minutes.
5. A maximum of **five accompanists** is permitted.
6. Accompaniment must be live; recorded music or audio/CDs are not permitted.
7. Judgment will be based on qualities such as Taal, technique, rhythm, Abhinaya (expression), costumes, footwork, and overall impression.
8. Three copies of a brief note describing the dance story, if any, and of the accompanying song with its meaning in Hindi or English must be submitted at the time of registration.

c. Creative Choreography

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. A maximum of **12 participants** is permitted per team.
3. The duration of the performance shall be between **8 to 10 minutes**.
4. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 5 minutes.
5. A maximum of **three accompanists** is permitted. Accompanists may assist with props, technical cues, background narration, or effect creation. While they are expected to remain off-stage, they may be momentarily visible while performing these duties; however, they shall not be considered part of the performance. Their role remains purely supportive in nature.
6. The performance must present a clear theme or message through dance, whether utilizing single dance form/style or a fusion of multiple dance forms/styles. The theme should be suitable for public viewing and preferably be youth-centric, nation-centric, or address social issues.
7. Recorded music is allowed. However, participating teams are expected to exercise caution in the selection of songs to ensure that the essence and spirit of the Youth Festival are upheld and not compromised.

8. Three copies of a brief note describing the theme must be submitted along with the entry form at the time of registration.
9. Teams must bring or arrange their own props, if any.
10. Choreography will be judged based on parameters such as theme and message clarity, choreography and creativity, synchronization and coordination, use of stage and props, costumes, and overall impact. Extra efforts to enhance visual appeal through set design will not be considered for marking.

LITERARY

a. General Quiz

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. There will be a written preliminary round, and teams will be selected for the final.
3. The finals will be oral and include audio-visual questions.
4. Specific rules regarding the evaluation procedure, time allowed to answer each question, and the types of rounds will be provided before the start of the competition.
5. The Quiz Master's decisions in all respects—including question types, rounds, marking scheme, tie-breaking mechanisms, and any other related matters—shall be final and binding.

b. Elocution (English)

1. Each university will be represented by one speaker.
2. The medium of expression shall be English only.
3. Each speaker must speak for a duration between **4 to 5 minutes**.
4. The subject or topic of the elocution will be announced at the managers' meeting.
5. The performance will be judged in one language.
6. The item shall be prose or poetry, and not a song.
7. Reading from paper or any other source is strictly prohibited.

c. Elocution (Hindi) वाग्मिता

1. Each university will be represented by one speaker.
2. The medium of expression shall be Hindi only.
3. Each speaker must speak for a duration between **4 to 5 minutes**.
4. The subject or topic of the elocution will be announced at the managers' meeting.
5. The performance will be judged in one language.
6. The item shall be prose or poetry, and not a song.
7. Reading from paper or any other source is strictly prohibited.

d. Debate (English)

1. Each university will be represented by two debaters: one will speak FOR, and the other will speak AGAINST the motion.
2. The medium of expression shall be English only.
3. Each debater must speak for a duration between **4 to 5 minutes**.
4. The subject or topic of the elocution will be announced at the managers' meeting.
5. Reading from paper or any other source is strictly prohibited.

e. Debate (Hindi)वाद-विवाद

1. Each university will be represented by two debaters: one will speak FOR, and the other will speak AGAINST the motion.
2. The medium of expression shall be Hindi only.
3. The subject or topic of the elocution will be announced at the managers' meeting.
4. Each debater must speak for a duration between **4 to 5 minutes**.
5. Reading from paper or any other source is strictly prohibited.

THEATRE

a. One Act play

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The duration of the performance shall be between **25 to 30 minutes**.
3. Timing will begin as soon as the signal is given or the team starts giving the introduction, whichever is earlier. Strict adherence to clearing the stage after the performance is required. Up to 15 minutes will be allowed for stage setting and removal of sets and properties after taking charge of the stage.
4. The number of participants **should not exceed nine**.
5. A maximum of **five accompanists** is permitted.
6. Accompanists will either speak from the background or play musical instruments for background music; they shall not appear on the stage.
7. The participating team shall bring their own sets, stage properties, makeup materials, etc. Light and general properties, such as ordinary furniture, may be provided upon prior request.
8. Participants may speak in Hindi, English, or any regional language of India. If a regional language is used, a synopsis of the play with a translation in English or Hindi must be submitted to the competition in-charge on the day of registration.
9. Judgment will primarily be based on the qualities of the play, such as theme, acting, stagecraft, design, and overall impression.

b. Skit

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. A maximum of **six participants** are allowed to participate in this item.
3. The duration of the performance shall be between **8 to 10 minutes**.
4. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 5 minutes.
5. A maximum of **three accompanists** is permitted.
6. Use of makeup, drapery, and background music is allowed. However, personal remarks, aspersions, character assassination, etc., are not permitted.
7. The participating team should submit three copies of the synopsis of the skit's theme, along with the language of presentation (Hindi or English), on the day of registration.

8. The item will be judged primarily on qualities such as theme, acting, stagecraft, design, and overall impression.
9. Vulgarity or bitter insinuations in the presentation should be strictly avoided. Only innocent satire or humour is expected.

c. Mime

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. A maximum of **six participants** are allowed to participate in this item.
3. A maximum of **two accompanists** is permitted.
4. The duration of the performance shall be between **4 to 5 minutes**.
5. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 1 minute.
6. Judgment will primarily be based on qualities such as idea, creativity of presentation, use of makeup, music, and general impression.

d. Mimicry

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The duration of the performance shall be between **4 and 5 minutes**.
3. Participants may mimic sounds of machines, speeches of well-known persons, including film personalities.
4. Marking will be based on skill of imitation, variety of sounds and voices imitated, and overall presentation.
5. Time allowed for stage setup, instrument arrangement, sound check, and overall readiness, as applicable, shall not exceed 2 minutes.

FINE ARTS

a. On the Spot Painting

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The painting will be created on the spot on a theme or subject that will be announced at the start of the competition.
3. Participants will be given a total of **2 hours and 30 minutes** to complete their artwork.
4. The painting must be made on half imperial size drawing paper (22" x 15"). This paper will be provided by the host institute.
5. Participants may use any one media such as Acrylic Colours, Water colours, Poster colours, Pastel colours, Oil colours, etc.
6. Participants must bring their own art supplies, including brushes, colours, palettes, containers, and any other required tools. Only the drawing sheet will be provided by the host institute.
7. Participants are advised to bring their own drawing boards or easel as per their choice.
8. The use or possession of mobile phones and other digital devices is strictly prohibited for participants throughout the duration of the event.
9. Paintings will be evaluated on criteria such as Relevance to Theme, Creativity and Originality, Composition and Layout, Colour Harmony and Technique & Overall Aesthetic Appeal

b. Collage

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The collage will be created on the spot on a theme or subject that will be announced at the start of the competition.
3. The collage must be made on half imperial size drawing paper (22" x 15"). This paper will be provided by the host institute.
4. Participants will be given a maximum of **2 hours and 30 minutes** to complete their collage.
5. Collages must be prepared only using materials from old magazines and newspapers.

6. Participants must bring their own materials, including adhesive (pasting material), old magazines/newspapers, and any other required items.
7. Use of scissors, cutters, blades, or any sharp cutting tools is strictly prohibited. All tearing/cutting must be done by hand.
8. The use or possession of mobile phones and other digital devices is strictly prohibited for participants throughout the duration of the event.
9. Collages will be evaluated on criteria such as Relevance to Theme, Creativity and Innovation, Neatness and Craftsmanship, Composition and Layout & Visual Impact and Aesthetic Appeal

c. Poster Making

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The posters will be created on the spot on a theme or subject that will be announced at the start of the competition.
3. Participants will be given a total of **2 hours and 30 minutes** to complete their artwork.
4. The poster must be made on half imperial size drawing paper (22" x 15"). This paper will be provided by the host institute.
5. Participants may use any one media such as Acrylic Colours, Water colours, Poster colours, Pastel colours, etc.
6. Participants must bring their own art supplies, including brushes, colours, palettes, containers, and any other required tools. Only the drawing sheet will be provided by the host institute.
7. Participants are advised to bring their own drawing boards or easel as per their choice.
8. The use or possession of mobile phones and other digital devices is strictly prohibited for participants throughout the duration of the event.
9. Posters will be evaluated on criteria such as Relevance to the Theme, Creativity and Originality, Visual Impact and Presentation, Clarity of Message / Visual Communication & Overall Composition and Neatness.

d. Clay Modelling

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The clay model must be created on the spot, based on a theme or subject that will be announced at the start of the competition.
3. Participants will have a total of **2 hours and 30 minutes** to complete their artwork.
4. The maximum permissible size of the clay model is 12 inches × 12 inches × 12 inches (30 cm × 30 cm × 30 cm).
5. Participants may bring clay modeling tools (e.g., shaping tools, rolling pins, modeling knives – all non-electric and hand-held); water sprays or small bowls for softening clay; cloths/rags for cleaning; and protective aprons or gloves.
6. Participants are allowed to use armatures and the necessary tools for erecting them.
7. Participants are required to bring a wooden plank or plywood sheet with minimum dimensions of 2 feet × 2 feet and a thickness of at least 12 millimeter, to be used as the base for their clay model.
8. The following are strictly prohibited: electric or battery-operated tools, heating equipment, hair dryers, or any powered tools; pre-molded or pre-designed parts; external decorations; use of paint, glitter, sequins, fabric, or any other embellishments; and clay types other than those provided.
9. The use or possession of mobile phones and other digital devices is strictly prohibited for participants throughout the duration of the event.
10. Clay models will be evaluated based on the following criteria: relevance to the theme, creativity and originality, technique and detailing, structural stability and aesthetic appeal and finish.

e. Cartooning

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. The cartoon will be created on the spot on a theme or subject that will be announced at the start of the competition.
3. Participants will be given a total of **2 hours and 30 minutes** to complete their artwork.
4. The cartooning must be made on half imperial size drawing paper (22" x 15"). This paper will be provided by the host institute.
5. Participants may use any one media such as Acrylic Colours, Water colours, Poster colours, Pastel colours, etc.

6. Participants must bring their own art supplies, including brushes, colours, palettes, containers, and any other required tools. Only the drawing sheet will be provided by the host institute.
7. Participants are advised to bring their own drawing boards or easel as per their choice.
8. The use or possession of mobile phones and other digital devices is strictly prohibited for participants throughout the duration of the event.
9. Cartooning will be evaluated on criteria such as Relevance to Theme, Creativity and Originality, Artistic Composition and Design, Technique Use of Medium and Overall Visual Impact.

f. Rangoli

1. Only one entry per university is allowed.
2. Participants will be required to create a Rangoli design based on a subject, theme, or topic announced at the start of the event.
3. Participants will be given a total of **2 hours and 30 minutes** to complete their artwork.
4. The maximum permissible size for each Rangoli design is 4 feet x 4 feet (i.e 4 feet diameter in case of circular rangoli) while the rangoli must not be smaller than 2.5 feet x 2.5 feet (i.e 2.5 feet diameter in case of circular rangoli). Rangoli must be created within and on the space allotted by the organizers.
5. Participants must bring their own materials.
6. Participants may use permitted medium for their Rangoli. Acceptable materials include: Rangoli powders or colours, flower petals, coloured sawdust, or food grains (e.g., rice, lentils).
7. Pasting/gluing of materials is strictly prohibited.
8. The use of dies, stencils, moulds, mechanical tools, or any other aids is not permitted. All work must be done freehand.
9. Participants may draw from traditional forms such as Mandna, Alpana, Alekhan, Kolam, Rangoli, or others, with interpretations allowed in freehand, pictorial, or descriptive styles.
10. The use or possession of mobile phones and other digital devices is strictly prohibited for participants throughout the duration of the event.
11. Rangolis will be evaluated on criteria such as relevance to the theme, creativity and innovation, design and composition, neatness and precision, colour harmony and aesthetic appeal.

CULTURAL PROCESSION

- a. The Cultural Procession is an additional event, and the results/marks of the Cultural Procession/March Past (along with other events) will be counted toward the Overall Championship Trophy. All universities are encouraged to participate in the Cultural Procession with the same spirit as other competitive events. The contingents may represent the culture of any State, Region, or National Integrity/Culture as a whole. There will be two types of participation in the Cultural Procession:

- **Introductory Participation**

Universities not performing any activity in the Cultural Procession will be classified under “Introductory Participation.” Before the last performance (of the host team/university), all participants under Introductory Participation will March together, and the Presenter/Anchor will announce the names of the universities and their Vice Chancellors. The organizing university will collect this information in advance.

- **Performance Participation (Demonstration/Performance of Cultural Troops)**

The Presenter/Anchor will announce the name of the performing university at the time of entry into the Cultural Procession, along with a positive note and the name of the Vice Chancellor.

- b. The Cultural Procession will be organized on the inaugural day before the formal inaugural ceremony. Team Managers/Contingent In-charges must compulsorily deposit two flags of their respective university at the desk near the registration desk. The flags will be hoisted on poles before the procession begins. The ideal flag size is 6' x 4'.
- c. Participating teams are advised to bring local/regional costumes to reflect their culture during the Cultural Procession/March Past.
- d. The host university will provide flag poles to all contingents for carrying and displaying flags during the procession.
- e. The previous year's overall champion of the respective zonal festival will lead the procession, and the host university will be last.

- f. The sequence of the remaining teams will be in alphabetical order.
- g. The procession route can be 1–2 km long or more, depending on the space available at the host university. A stage/performance area will be provided at one point (towards the end) for teams to **showcase their cultural performance for 3–5 minutes for Zonal Youth Festivals and 2-3 minutes for National Youth Festival.**
- h. The procession will start with the “Flag Off” ceremony.
- i. Judgment of performances will begin from the start of the procession and continue until it is officially declared finished.
- j. Participating universities may bring a university banner (not mandatory), preferably measuring 10' x 3', to be carried by the contingent during the procession.
- k. The host university will provide a PA system with three microphones and the provision for playing different recorded music/audio.
- l. Recorded music is allowed for Cultural Procession performances.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY RULES

- Only bonafide, full-time students who are enrolled in a degree, postgraduate degree, or diploma course of a minimum duration of one academic year, and whose examination is conducted by the university or college affiliated to a university after passing the 12th class examination, are eligible to participate.
- Students of open universities shall be considered bonafide students and will be eligible to participate provided they fulfil the other conditions.
- **Only students who are less than 25 years of age on the 1st of July of the current academic year can participate.** There is no minimum age for participation.
- A student shall not be allowed to represent more than one university during a single academic year.
- Provisional admission to a course at a university or college shall not make a student eligible to represent that university.
- A student employed on a full-time basis shall not be eligible to participate.
- In the case of a student migrating from one university to another, the migration will be considered eligible only after the admission in the new university is regularized and the student is admitted as a bonafide student by the new university.
- **AIU subscription fee is mandatory for participation in AIU Youth Affairs programmes by universities/institutions.**

STRENGTH OF CONTINGENT

- The **maximum strength of the contingent from each university can be 60**, including 1 Dean/Director or equivalent representative, 2 Team Managers (preferably one male and one female), student participants, student accompanists, and professional accompanists. Universities having female participants are advised to mandatorily depute one female team manager.
- **Universities may bring as many student and professional accompanists as required**, based on their performance needs, provided the **total contingent size does not exceed 60**.
- **Sharing of professional accompanists between universities is permitted. However, in such cases, the professional accompanist will be counted in both contingents, and applicable fees will be charged to both universities.**

REPLACEMENT OF MEMBERS IN THE CONTINGENT FOR NATIONAL YOUTH FEST

- At maximum, **2 members** of the contingent that represented a particular university at the zonal **may be replaced** under unforeseen circumstances. **However, the replaced member will not be eligible to participate in any solo Events.**

IDENTITY CARD

- Participants should carry Identity Cards with photographs, signed by the appropriate authorities of their respective University.

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UNIVERSITY FLAGS

- The contingent leader shall have to **deposit his/her one University flags with the host University.** They should **also keep one university flag with them for the cultural procession.**

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TRAVELLING EXPENSES

- The participating University will have to bear the travelling expenses.

FOOD

- Meals shall be provided by the Host University, starting from lunch one day before the fest begins and continuing until breakfast the morning after the valedictory ceremony.

BOARDING & LODGING

- Free board and lodging will be provided to the participating teams during the Inter Zonal and National Youth Festivals.
- Participating university troupes may be accommodated as guests in student hostels, using common rooms, verandas, and similar spaces.
- Accommodation will be provided from the night one day before the start of the fest until the morning after the valedictory ceremony.

REGISTRATION/PARTICIPATION FEE

- Each participant including team official will be required to deposit **registration fee @ Rs. 3500/- per participant.**

CAUTION MONEY (REFUNDABLE)

- A refundable caution money of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand only) shall be deposited by each participating university at host university registration desk/venue or through digital mode in advance.

CLOTHING

- All participants and officials are advised to bring adequate warm bedding, blankets, woollen clothing, essential medicines, and locks for personal safety and comfort.
- It is strongly recommended that all members of the contingent get vaccinated against cholera and typhoid prior to the journey.
- Students should be instructed to dress appropriately, keeping in mind both the prevailing weather conditions and the cultural spirit of the youth festival.

STAMP SIZE PHOTOS

- Two stamp photographs of each participant, accompanists and official delegates are required to be sent to the host University in advance.

DISCIPLINE

- If the behaviour of any contingent is found to be contrary to the objectives of the festivals, the host University may take suitable action against the concerned members. An individual or team may be debarred from participating in future youth festivals for three years, with intimation to the AIU.
- No official or member of any University shall make press statements on controversial issues.
- Consumption of liquor or intoxication, eve-teasing, influencing adjudicators, and indecent behaviour inside the campus and venue are strictly prohibited. Violations of this clause will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include debarring the concerned University team or official from participation in Inter University Youth Activities for a period determined by the AIU Cultural Committee.

OTHER RULES/ADVISORIES PERTAINING TO ALL EVENTS

- Participants are strongly advised to avoid using any materials or props involving fire, inflammable substances, direct fuel, fireworks, arms, weapons, or any other items that may pose a danger to themselves, others, or the host university's infrastructure.
- If the use of such materials is essential for cultural or artistic expression, prior written approval must be obtained from the Host University well in advance. The Host University reserves the right to prohibit the use of any such materials if deemed unsafe or potentially harmful to their premises or attendees.
- This advisory is issued to promote safety and the smooth conduct of events and does not waive the safety obligations of participants or organizers.
- To promote creativity, Cultural Contingents are requested to present new cultural items as far as possible in all competitions of the festival.

DISQUALIFICATION FOR VIOLATION OF ELIGIBILITY RULES

- Disqualification of a participant on the grounds of ineligibility will result in the **automatic disqualification of the university from the event(s) in which the particular student has participated.**

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- Competitors participate in the Inter University Youth Festivals entirely at their own risk. Neither the host nor AIU will be responsible for any unfortunate circumstances.

JUDGMENT AND APPEALS

- **The decision of the jury members appointed for different events shall be final and binding on all.**
- It is expected that their judgment will be respected. In case of any dissatisfaction, the matter may be referred to the Jury of Appeals.
- The Protest, if any, should be lodged with the Organizing Secretary/Convener of the Competition within one hour of the end of the competition.
- No protest shall be entertained on matters regarding judgment.
- **Protests can be entertained on matters related to violation of rules or improper conduct of the contest.** There will be a protest fee of INR 1000/- (One thousand) only. This fee will not be refunded unless the protest has been upheld by the Jury of Appeals.
- **No appeal shall lie against the decision of the Jury of Appeals.**

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