

The Third Phase of “A New Dawn” – 2025

(Celebrating Diversity and Embracing Unity)

**The competition is designed to promote aesthetic appreciation and unity within
the University of Ruhuna community**

**It is being organized by the Cultural Center in partnership with the Social
Reconciliation Center (SRC) at the University of Ruhuna**

Details of the events

1. Poetry competition

- i. Prosody (Sandes)
- ii. Free verse (Nisades)

Rules and regulations

- i. Prosody (Sandes)**
 - Only single profile of A4 page should be used for creations.
 - The work can be presented in either hand-written or computerized format.

- ii. Free verse (Nisades)**
 - Only single profile of A4 page should be used for creations.
 - The work can be presented in either had-written or computerized format.

General Guideline:

- All students, academic staff, administrative officers and non-academic staff of the University of Ruhuna can participate in this competition.
- Content can be in Sinhala, Tamil or English.
- All creations submitted for this competition must be the contestants' own creations.
- The creations you submit must be a creation that has not been submitted to any other competition before.
- Iskoola Pota /Times New Roman fonts should be used (Font size 12, Line space 1.5) for all computer-generated creations,
- Your creations should be hand over to the Cultural Center of the University of Ruhuna.
- Submission of creations will be limited to 30 days and subsequent creations will not be accepted.
- The creations should include your name with initials, contact number, year of study, department, faculty and your university or your workplace.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.

Should be considered:

- All competitors are eligible to submit their own creations.
- Once you have submitted your creations for the competition, the applicant will be deemed to agree to all above terms.
- Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the first, second and third places. (All four (4) categories will receive awards for first, second, and third places.)

02.Lyrics competition

Rules and regulations

- Only A4 pages should be used for lyric writing.
- Only A4 single side should be used.
- The work can be presented in either hand-written or computerized format.

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Should be considered:

- All competitors are eligible to submit their own creations.
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03. Creative Writing contest

- i. Short Stories
- ii. Short novel stories

Rules and regulations

i. Short stories

- Word limit should not exceed 4000.
- If the work you are submitting is a translation, the original work must be attached.

ii. Short novel stories

- Word limit is not limited.
- If the work you are submitting is a translation, the original work must be attached.

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- Content can be in Sinhala, Tamil or English.
- All creations submitted for this competition must be the contestants' own creations.
- The creations you submit must be a creations that has not been submitted to any other competition before.
- Iskoola Pota / Times New Roman fonts should be used (Font size 12, Line space 1.5) for all computer-generated creations, you can also hand over your creations in handwriting.
- Your creations should be hand over to the Cultural Center of the University of Ruhuna.
- Submission of creations will be limited to 30 days and subsequent creations will not be accepted.
- The creations should include your name with initials, contact number, year of study, department, faculty and your university or your workplace.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.

Should be considered:

- All competitors are eligible to submit their own creations.
- Once you have submitted your creations for the competition, the applicant will be deemed to agree to all above terms.
- Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the first, second and third places. (All four (4) categories will receive awards for first, second, and third places.)

04.Drama Script Writing and Acting

- i. Long Drama Scripts
- ii. Short Drama Scripts

Rules and regulations

- The script can be presented in self-translated or adaptive form.
- If the script is short, the maximum duration should be limited to 15-20 minutes.
- If the script is long, the maximum time should be limited to one hour.
- The author has the full right to decide on the theme of the play, the number of characters, the use of backgrounds, etc.
- Your acting must be performed on stage according to the script.

General Guideline:

- All students, academic staff, administrative officers and non-academic staff of the University of Ruhuna can participate in this competition.
- Content can be in Sinhala, Tamil or English.
- All scripts submitted for this competition must be the contestants' own ideas.
- The scripts you submit must be a script that has not been submitted to any other competition before.
- Iskoola Pota / Times New Roman fonts should be used (Font size 12, Line space 1.5) for all computer-generated creations, you can also hand over your scripts in handwriting.
- Your creations should be hand over to the Cultural Center of the University of Ruhuna.
- Submission of scripts will be limited to 30 days and subsequent scripts will not be accepted.
- The scripts should include your name with initials, contact number, year of study, department, faculty and your university or your workplace.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.

Should be considered:

- All competitors are eligible to submit their own scripts.
- Once you have submitted your scripts for the competition, the applicant will be deemed to agree to all above terms.
- Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the best darama script, best actor and best actress. (All four (4) categories will receive awards for best darama script, best actor and best actress)

05. Academic Writing

- i. Research articles
- ii. Review articles – books, films, dramas, songs etc...
- iii. Other academic review articles

Rules and regulations

i. Research Articles

- Any research paper (Library Research, Field Research etc...) can be submitted.
- The article submitted should follow the format below.

Topic

Abstract

Introduction (Research problem & Research Objectives should be included)

Literature Review

Results and Discussion

Conclusion

References (APA Reference method should be utilized)

ii. Review articles – books, films, dramas, songs etc..

- This section includes critical essays based on books, films and drama songs etc...

iii. Other Academic Reviews

- Any academic paper that does not fall into the above categories can be submitted.
- Only one winner will be selected from each category.

General Guideline:

- All students, academic staff, administrative officers and non-academic staff of the University of Ruhuna can participate in this competition.
- Content can be in Sinhala, Tamil or English.
- All articles submitted for this competition must be the contestants' own creations.
- The articles you submit must be articles that have not been submitted to any other competition before.
- Iskoola Pota / Times New Roman fonts should be used (Font size 12, Line space 1.5) for all computer-generated articles.
- Your articles should be hand over to the Cultural Center of the University of Ruhuna.
- Submission of articles will be limited to 30 days and subsequent articles will not be accepted.
- The articles should include your name with initials, contact number, year of study, department, faculty and your university or your workplace.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.

Should be considered:

- All competitors are eligible to submit their own creations.
- Once you have submitted your articles for the competition, the applicant will be deemed to agree to all above terms.
- Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the first, second and third places. All four (4) categories will receive awards for first, second, and third places.

06. Art Competition

- i. Publishing Art
- ii. Portrait Art

Rules and regulations

i. Publishing Art

- Art paper or boards can be used for artwork. (any paper or board which can use for drawing)
- The size of the drawing should be 11.7 x 16.5 (A3) inches.
- Any color and drawing method can be used. Watercolor, Pastel, Acrylic, Mixed, Collage etc.
- Computer printed images and drawings will not be accepted for this contest.
- You can use any method and topic you like to draw.
- A competitor can submit more than one piece of work.
- Collectively submitted individual paper drawings are not valid for this contest.
- Artworks submitted for the competition will not be returned to the applicants.

ii. Portrait Arts

- Art paper or boards can be used for artwork. (any paper or board which can use for drawing)
- The size of the drawing should be 11.7 x 16.5 (A3) inches.
- Any color and drawing method can be used. Pencil, Color pencil, Watercolor, Pastel, Acrylic, Mixed, Collage etc.
- Computer printed images and drawings will not be accepted for this contest.
- You can use any method and topic you like to draw.
- A competitor can submit more than one piece of work.
- Collectively submitted individual paper drawings are not valid for this contest.
- Artworks submitted for the competition will not be returned to the applicants.

General Guideline:

- All students, academic staff, administrative officers and non-academic staff of the University of Ruhuna can participate in this competition.
- All drawings submitted for this competition must be the contestants' own creations.
- The drawings you submit must be a drawing that has not been submitted to any other competition before.
- Your drawings should be hand over to the Cultural Center of the University of Ruhuna.
- Submission of drawings will be limited to 30 days and subsequent drawings will not be accepted.
- The drawings should include your name with initials, contact number, year of study, department, faculty and your university or your workplace.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.

Should be considered:

- All competitors are eligible to submit their own Arts.
- Once you have submitted your drawings for the competition, the applicant will be deemed to agree to all above terms.
- Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the first, second and third places. All four (4) categories will receive awards for first, second, and third places.

07. Web Designing competition

Rules and regulations

- You can choose one of the following topics to create web pages.
 - An organization's marketing web page
 - Your web page design should include information such as the organization's vision, mission, and basic introduction to the organization
 - Products
 - Contact Details
 - Job Vacancies
 - Complaints and Suggestions, should be included in your website design.
 - An NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) website
 - Homepage
 - About the NGO
 - Projects
 - Contact Details
 - Vacancies, should be included in your website design.
 - A government organization's website
 - Homepage
 - About the government organization
 - Projects
 - Contact Details
 - Vacancies, should be included in your website design.
- Website must be including at least five web pages, but cannot exceed seven pages. One page should be your main (index) page.
- Each competitor can do all the work of creating web pages using any web development tool available. If you build your website using Word Press, your design options are limited. When you code your own pages, you have complete control over how they are built and how they work.

- All competitors can create web pages using any web development tool available to them.
- Should have a professional look.
- Should have a fresh interface and a clean layout.
- Content should be east to navigate.
- The webpage should maintain industry-standards, i.e.HTML/CSS/JavaScript/PHP.

Follow these guidelines to create your website:

- Keep it simple. Keep your pages simple, and your website will be easier to use.
- Provide intuitive navigation - Website navigation should feel natural and effortless. Pages and sections should be well-organized with a clear hierarchy.
- Choose your colors carefully - When choosing colors, use a limited palette of four or five colors that do not clash.
- Make your website responsive - Your website should look great on smart phones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers.
- Test your website in multiple browsers to make sure that everything functions correctly.
- Do not forget the content. Make sure your pages include high-quality content and correct spelling and grammar.
- Any and all images that are visible on your site must be saved in your images folder and linked from there.
- Zip your folder and then submit it to the email address provided.

General Guidelines:

- All students, academic staff, administrative officers and non-academic staff of the University of Ruhuna can participate in this competition.
- Content can be in Sinhala, Tamil or English.
- All designs submitted for this competition must be the contestants' own designs.
- The designs you submit must be a designs that has not been submitted to any other competition before.
- Submission of designs will be limited to 30 days and subsequent designs will not be accepted.
- The designs should include your name with initials, contact number, year of study, department, faculty and your university or your workplace.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.

- Send the link of the web page to the email below.
uorculturalcenter@hss.ruh.ac.lk

Should be considered:

- All competitors are eligible to submit their own designs.
- Once you have submitted your design for the competition, the applicant will be deemed to agree to all above terms.
- Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the first, second and third places. All four (4) categories will receive awards for first, second, and third places.

08. Photography contest

- i. Monochrome
- ii. Color
- iii. Mobile Photography

Rules and regulations

- Each photo should be given a relevant title. Category must be clearly mentioned in the email. (If you are submitting three photos, you must send the photos via three email messages)
- Also, the following information must be included in the email along with the photo:
 - Name
 - Whether a student or an academic or non-academic employee or an administrative officer
 - Faculty or place of work
 - Title of the photo
 - Category
 - Contact number and WhatsApp number
- When renaming your photo, you should rename it using your name, the title of the photo, and the category.
- When sending photos, send your photo by email and do not attach photos to Google Drive or other electronic databases.
- Photographs must be non-edited colored or black and white. (Non-editable means adding, removing, or distorting or modifying the image or image of the person or place in which the image is represented. Doing so will result in disqualification of your photos without a prior notice)
- Photographs that have not previously been published in the mainstream media and that should have not won any competition. Photographs submitted for this competition (should not have been previously published in the mainstream media / should not have won in any other competition.
- The organizers reserve the rights to use the photographs submitted for the competition only for the “A New Dawn” completion. The copyright and copy of the photograph shall be in its possession and if required you should be able to submit the edited / unpublished photos at any time.

- Competitors are obligated to provide unedited (Raw or Native JPEG) originals of the photographs whenever requested by the organizing committee (Not applicable for mobile photographs).
- Your photographs should be sent to the following email address uorculturalcenter@hss.ruh.ac.lk

Quality of photos to be sent for the competition

- The soft copy of the photo submitted for the competition should be clear and of high quality (Maximum size of one photograph should be 2 MB) and the length profile of the photo should be 1920 pixels and width should be pixel 1080. There should be no names or boundary markings or watermarks. Photos should be sent in JPGE media.
- These quality requirements do not apply for Mobile Photographs.
- All photos must be uploaded to Adobe Photoshop software in high quality (8*12 high quality) and color combination SRGB.
- Must be submitted according to Adobe Software.

General Guideline:

- All students, academic staff, administrative officers and non-academic staff of the University of Ruhuna can participate in this competition.
- All photos submitted for this competition must be the contestants' own photos.
- The photos you submit must be a photo that has not been submitted to any other competition before.
- Submission of photos will be limited to 30 days and subsequent photos will not be accepted.
- The photos should include your, name with initials, contact number, year of study, department, faculty and your university or your workplace.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.

Should be considered:

- All competitors are eligible to submit their own photographs.
- Once you have submitted, your photos for the competition, the applicant will be deemed to agree to all above terms.
- Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the first, second and third places. All four (4) categories will receive awards for first, second, and third places.

09. Videography competition

- i. Short Films Camera / Short Films Mobile
- ii. Documentaries Camera / Documentaries Mobile

Rules and regulations

i. Short films (Camera and Mobile)

- Your short film should not exceed 10-15 minutes.
- You must specify the editing software you have used when presenting the short film.

ii. Documentary (Camera and Mobile)

- Your documentary should not exceed 30 minutes.
- You must specify the editing software you have used when presenting the documentary.
- Documentary films should be made according to documentary rules based on real events.

General Guideline:

- All students, academic staff, administrative officers and non-academic staff of the University of Ruhuna can participate in this competition.
- All films submitted for this competition must be the contestants' own ideas and creations.
- The Films you submit must be a film that has not been submitted to any other competition before.
- Submission of Films will be limited to 30 days deadline for short films and a 60 days deadline for documentaries and subsequent films will not be accepted.
- The films should include your, name with initials, contact number, year of study, department, faculty and your university or your workplace.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.

- Your film creations should be sent to the following email address, and when sending the film, the following information should be included in the email message.
 - Name
 - Whether a student or an academic or non-academic employee or an administrative officer
 - Faculty or place of work
 - Title of the film
 - Category
 - Contact number and WhatsApp number

E-mail address - uorculturalcenter@hss.ruh.ac.lk

Should be considered:

- All competitors are eligible to submit their own Directions.
- Script of your short film should be sent to us in pdf format within 14 days of registration.
- Once you have submitted your film for the competition, the applicant will be deemed to agree to all above terms.
- Competitor can participate in both of these categories.
- Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the first, second and third places. All four (4) categories will receive awards for first, second, and third places.

10. Debate contest

Rules and regulations

- It is mandatory for a team to have 04 main competitors and a minimum of 02 additional competitors.
- The competition will be held in the normal format, with 4 minutes for each speaker and the leader answering for 5 minutes.
- Topics for the debate will be provided one week before the competition is held.
- Prizes and Places are as follows
 - Best Debating Team - The Jury Selects
 - Best Debater - The Jury Selects

General Guideline:

- All students, academic staff, administrative officers and non-academic staff of the University of Ruhuna can participate in this competition.
- Debate can be in Sinhala, Tamil or English.
- The information, data or facts you present in the debate must be true and evidence can be provided for that.
- Debates that do not comply with all of the above competition conditions will be disregarded.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.

Should be considered:

- Upon registering for the competition, the applicant will be deemed to agree to all above terms.
- All four (4) categories will receive awards for the Best debate team and best debater.

11. Music competition

i. Singing Competition: (Solo)

- Folk Singing
- Oriental singing
- Simple Songs (70s-80s songs, 70s-80s movie songs)
 - Sinhala Songs
 - Tamil Songs
 - English Songs

ii. Instrument Playing: (Solo)

- Tabla
- Piano
- Guitar
- Violin
- Flute

Rules and regulations

- Your singing or instrumental performance should be between 3 - 5 minutes.
- All the competitors who apply for the singing competition should use a musical instrument/s or a music track for their singing.
- One competitor can compete in more than one category.

General Guideline:

- All students, academic staff, administrative officers and non-academic staff of the University of Ruhuna can participate in this competition.
- Songs can be in Sinhala, Tamil or English.

- Singing or instrumental performances that do not comply with all of the above competition conditions will be disqualified.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.
- Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the first, second and third places. All four (4) categories will receive awards for first, second, and third places.

12. Dancing competition

i. Traditional dancing (Udarata, Pahatharata, Sabaragamu)

- Individual
- Women
- Men
- Group

ii. Freestyle

- Individual
- Women
- Men
- Group

Rules and regulations

i. Traditional dance elements

- Tradition must be preserved in dance.
- Tradition must also be preserved in the costumes and instruments used.
- Competitors are free to use props appropriate to the dance.
- It is possible to use new music while preserving the tradition.

ii. Free dance elements

- It is best to present new ideas and creative ideas through dance.
- Theatrical costumes, props, and music as appropriate can be used in an appropriate manner.
- The performance should be between 4 and 5 minutes.
- Any medium can be used for your performance.

General Guideline:

- All students, academic staff, administrative officers and non-academic staff of the University of Ruhuna can participate in this competition.
- Songs can be in Sinhala, Tamil or English.
- The dance you perform must be a choreography that has not been previously performed to any other competition.
- The maximum number of members for group dances is 16.
- Dance creations that do not comply with all of the above competition conditions will be disqualified.
- The competition will be judged by a highly qualified panel of judges in the field and their decision will be final.
- Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the first, second and third places. (All four (4) categories will receive awards for first, second, and third places)

Closing Date – 30th of June 2025

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