

## **Pratibha Sangam Competition 2025**

### **About the Competition :**

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) - the cultural arm of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been actively promoting Indian culture abroad through its Cultural Centers functioning abroad and the Indian diaspora.

In recognition of the unique and deep association of foreign citizens with India and Indian culture, ICCR is anchoring the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Pratibha Sangam Competition 2025 – a global competition for performers across the world in the categories of Classical Indian Music and Dances. This competition will be judged by an eminent jury drawn from amongst the leading exponents of these performing arts in India.

Winners of this Competition would be invited to India for live performances at events to be organised in India, where a certificate will be awarded to the winners. Prize money is given to winners through concerned Indian Mission/Post.

### **Who can participate :**

The competition is open to all foreign nationals/PIOs/OCI card holders, regardless of race, creed, or sex. This Competition is not open for NRIs.

Participants shall be of a minimum age of 18 years and maximum age of 50 years. Prizes will be given in two age categories:–

18 – 30 years

31—50 years

Previous Winners of this competition may re-apply only after a cooling off period of 3 years.

### **Confidentiality :**

The announcements will reveal only the identities of the winners of the competition, with information such as name, age, gender, category of award and the country. ICCR reserves the right to use participant's videos for future promotional activities.

### **Categories of Competition :**

#### Indian Dance –

- Bharatnatyam
- Kathak
- Odissi

#### Hindustani Music –

- Instrumental Music
- Vocal

#### Carnatic Music–

- Instrumental Music
- Vocal

### **Competition Timelines :**

- Starting Date : 01/10/2025 (10.00 am IST)
- Closing Date : 31/10/2025 (6.00 pm IST)
- Winners to be announced in the month of November/December, 2025 (tentative).

### **Awards & Prizes :**

- Prize money for the three winners in each genre will be :
- First Prize(\$500),Second Prize(\$350),Third Prize(\$250)
- A Certificate will also be awarded to the winners.

In addition, the final winners shall be invited to perform in India at select states/locations as decided by ICCR.

The expenses incurred by the winners on this travel and stay shall be borne by ICCR and shall be communicated once the results of the Pratibha Sangam Competition are announced by the Jury.

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