

NATIONAL PAINTING CONTEST & EXHIBITION 2026



Pondicherry Art Akademy

65TH EVENT OF
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ART AKADEMY

PROSPECTUS
CALL FOR ENTRIES

Registration Deadline

June 25th 2026



Pondicherry Art Akademy

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ABOUT THE EVENT

The National Painting Contest & Exhibition 2026 is a prestigious National-Level platform dedicated to recognising artistic excellence and encouraging both emerging and established artists across India. The event aims to celebrate creativity, originality, technical skill, and aesthetic expression through a professionally curated exhibition and competition.

AIM AND OBJECTIVE

- To showcase artworks of exceptional artistic quality and creative excellence
- To encourage and support talented youth artists as well as established professional artists
- To provide national-level exposure and recognition to participating artists
- To discover outstanding artistic talent and promote meaningful engagement within the art community

AWARDS: PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY (Age Group: above 25 years) (Aadhaar ID is must)

1st Award- Rs.15,000/-	2nd Award- Rs.10,000/-	3rd Award- Rs.7,000/- 4th Award- Rs.5,000/-	Memento Award (For 20 Artists)
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AWARDS: YOUTH CATEGORY (Age Group: 18- 25 years) (Aadhaar ID is must)

Cash Award- Rs.5,000/- (for 3 artists)	Cash Award- Rs.3,000/- (for 3 artists)	Memento Award (For 20 Artists)
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Participation Certificate and E-catalog for All Participants

JURY

4. The competition follows a **two-stage evaluation** by an expert jury panel:

• Stage 1 -Preliminary Selection:

- Selection based on artwork photographs and artist bio-data submitted via email.
- Shortlisted artists informed via email or WhatsApp.

• Stage 2 -Final Awards:

- Shortlisted artworks must be physically submitted for final judging.
- A second jury will evaluate the physically displayed exhibits to determine final award winners.

Important Note: The Akademy reserves the right to increase, reduce, or modify the award categories and prize values. Any such amendments are subject to the discretion of the organizing committee.

ENTRY FEE

5. • **Professional Category: Rs. 1,000/-** (Max. two works)
• **Youth Category: Rs. 700/-** (Max. two works)

Note: Maximum of two artworks = one entry. Additional entries require separate fees as mentioned above.
Please note that entry fees are non-refundable.

6. ACCOUNT TRANSFER

Federal Bank, Pondicherry Branch
A/C Holder: Pondicherry Art Akademy
A/C NO: 13940100050154
IFSC Code: FDRL0001394

GPAY : 9600376533 (Proof of the transaction has to be sent along with the application)

The Transaction ID must be mentioned in the designated space on the Entry Schedule.

EXHIBITS

7. All entries for the exhibition must have been fully executed by the artist on or after **January 1, 2025**. Paintings must adhere to a **minimum size of 30 x 30 cm** and a **maximum size of 90 x 90 cm**. The Pondicherry Art Akademy reserves the right to utilize submitted photographs of the artworks for publication in the exhibition catalog, official invitations, and for promotional purposes on social media and the organization's website.

ENTRY SCHEDULE

8. The **entry schedule** and **bio-data** must be completed accurately and emailed to **pondicherryartakademy@gmail.com**. You must include **high-quality photographs** of your work, clearly named with the title, medium, size, and year of execution.

9. The deadline for electronic submission is June 25, 2026; entries received after this date will not be reviewed. Please format your email subject line as: "**Your Name, Category (Youth/Professional) - National Painting Contest-2026**". Please attach Aadhaar ID for category verification.

DEPOSIT OF SELECTED EXHIBITS

10. Artists selected by the jury based on the entry will be notified to their whatsapp / email to send their selected original artworks to a designated location. Works must be securely packed for road transport. Please note that the Akademy does not cover costs related to packing, postage, or parcel charges.

11. All artworks must be professionally framed. To prevent breakage during transit or display, glass frames are strictly prohibited. Unframed or loose exhibits will not be accepted for the competition.

12. All selected artworks must remain on display for the entire duration of the exhibition; early removal of exhibits is strictly prohibited.

TRANSPORT RULES & INSURANCE

13. If an artwork arrives damaged due to improper packing or the use of glass frames, it will be disqualified from the exhibition.

14. The Akademy does not provide insurance or cover freight expenses. We are not liable for any damage incurred during transit. Artists are encouraged to arrange their own insurance coverage if they wish.

INVITATION FOR EXHIBITION

15. All exhibiting artists will receive an invitation to the inaugural ceremony. And they will be provided a complimentary copy of the exhibition catalog at the venue. If not collected in person, the catalog will be mailed following the event's conclusion. The Akademy does not provide TA/DA (travel or daily allowance) for participating artists.

RETURN OF EXHIBIT

16. Collection Procedures:

- Akademy's responsibility ends three days after the exhibition.
- Artists must confirm collection plan and arrange timely pickup.

17. Courier Returns:

- Artists unable to collect in person may request courier return.
- Packing, courier, and handling charges borne by the artist.

IMPORTANT DATES

* Last Date for receipt of Photographs / Artifacts	25.06.2026
* Last Date of receipt of Original Artifacts selected for final round	10.07.2026
* Exhibition	July 2026

PARTICIPANT QUICK-CHECK

Email **Deadline:** Submit entry to **pondicherryartakademy@gmail.com** by June 25, 2026.

Subject Line: "Name, Category (Youth/Professional) - National Painting Contest-2026".

Payment: Mention Transaction ID on prospectus; include Student/Aadhar ID.

Framing: Professionally framed, **NO glass**; no loose exhibits.

Size: Between 30 x 30 cm and 90 x 90 cm.

Stay Informed: **Save WhatsApp number 9600376533 and follow us in instagram for all official updates.**



Artist.G.SRIDALAADEVI
Secretary, Pondicherry Art Akademy



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ENTRY SCHEDULE

Please Tick whichever applicable

Youth Category:

Professional Category:

Last date for receiving filled application with Art photographs (For Pre-Judging) is

25th June 2026

(Entry Schedule must be filled only in **CAPITAL** Letters)

To

The Secretary,
Pondicherry Art Akademy,
Pondicherry

Dear Madam,

I hereby inform you that having accepted the rules & regulation as published in the prospectus I am forwarding the Photographs of following exhibit for National Painting Contest & Exhibition-2026.

1. Name of the Artist Mr/Ms/Mrs. (Capital Letters only)_____

2. Address for Correspondence _____

_____ District _____ State _____

Pincode _____ Tel.No. (with STD Code) _____ Mobile no. _____

Email Address _____

3. Details of Original Exhibits

Sr.No	Title of Exhibits	Medium	Size (in cms.)	Value (in Rupees)	Category Youth / Professional
1.					
2.					

I hereby enclose one / two Art work photographs along with this application

4. Entry Fee: Rs. 1,000/- for Professional Category and Rs.700/- for Youth Category.

Paymnet Method: Bank Transfer Gpay

Bank/Gpay Transaction ID.DatedName of Bank

Branch at

Date :

Signature of the Contestant

Place :

Name of the Contestant

BIO-DATA



NAME (IN CAPITAL)

ADDRESS

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MOBILE NO.

EMAIL ADDRESS

DATE OF BIRTH AGE

QUALIFICATION

FELLOWSHIP

SOLO SHOWS

GROUP SHOWS

CAMPS

AWARDS

(Major Only)

COLLECTION

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DECLARATION BY THE ARTIST

1. I hereby submit my entries for the National Painting Contest & Exhibition 2026, having read, understood, and agreed to all the stipulated Terms and Conditions of entry.
2. I certify that the submitted photographs represent my original, bonafide work, created entirely by me after January 1, 2025. I further declare that these works have not been featured in any other National or International exhibition, nor have they received any prior awards or prizes.
3. Should any of my entries be selected by the Jury, I acknowledge my obligation to deliver the original artworks to the designated center by the specified deadline upon receiving official communication from the Akademy.
4. I agree to accept and honor the Jury's decision as final and binding in all matters pertaining to the contest.
5. I understand that all exhibited works must be collected within three (3) days following the conclusion of the exhibition. I waive any future claims regarding these exhibits should I fail to retrieve them within this timeframe, and I authorize the Akademy to dispose of any uncollected works at its discretion thereafter.

Date :

Signature of the Contestant

Place :

Name of the Contestant