OPEN TO ALL SCOUT / GUIDE UNITS
The Prime Minister’s
Shield Competition

Get set for the most thrilling and action - Packed contest of the year!
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1. **Preamble**

The Prime Minister of India has been pleased to permit the Bharat Scouts and Guides to initiate a competition on an All India level and permit award of Prime Minister’s Shields to the units winning the competition.

2. **Purpose**

The purpose of instituting the competition is to make an effort to motivate the Scouts and Guides of the country to play their useful role in the service of the nation and in the movement, by taking up concrete service project. It is hoped that our Scout and Guide units in the country will involve themselves in their programme in the same spirit.

3. **Period**

The competition will cover the period from 1st July every year to 30th June of the succeeding year.

4. **Methodology**

4.1 The competition will be held in four subjects and is open to all Scout Troops, Guide Companies in the country. All members of these units will participate in the project set for each subject and achieve definite results.

4.2 The competition will be held separately for the Scout and Guide wings of the Movement.
4.3 The scout Troops and Guide Companies will participate in two subjects: Subject No. I will be compulsory for all and they may select one more subject i.e. No. II or III or No. IV.

4.4 The State Association will give wide publicity to this programme among their units and invite applications from the units intending to participate in it by filling the Registration forms which may be obtained from the State Headquarters.

5. **Eligibility**

5.1 The State will be eligible to compete on the basis of the following rules: The minimum requirements of participants at the State level will be:

- (a) Minimum of 2 competing districts.
- (b) A competing district is one which registers at least two (2) units.

6. **Registration**

The units will be registered for the competition at the National Headquarters on receipt of the application forms duly forwarded by the State Association along with a registration fee Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten only) per unit. Registration at NHQ must be completed before the end of May, i.e. one month before the commencement of the succeeding period. The NHQ will then register the units for the competition and issue the Log Books to the states for onward transmission to the units registered.

7. **Judging**

7.1 Each participating unit will maintain record of
the activities undertaken by it in a Log Book issued by the NHQ.

7.2 A unit will be considered a participating unit if it is properly registered and is able to gain at least 50% marks in the group of subjects selected by them. The record thus maintained will be sent by the units to their District/Divisional H.Q. by 30th July of the succeeding year.

7.3 The District/Divisional Association will judge these records of the Units and forward to the State H.Q. by 30th August.
   (i) in duplicate a list of all units gaining 50% and above marks in each group of subjects; and
   (ii) the record (Log Book) of the units standing first and second in each group of subjects.

7.4 The State Association will judge these records and forward to the National H.Q. by the 30th Sept. the records of the units standing first.

7.5 The National Association will declare the results of each State on the basis of these records.

7.6 As far as possible the District/Divisional Association will arrange to visit the area of work of the Competing units of their District/Division to observe the performance’ of the units before taking a decision

8. Panel of Judges

A panel of judges at different levels will be constituted as below:
8.1 The District level panel of judges would comprise of:
(i) President of District Association.
(ii) District Commissioners (Scouts and Guides)
(iii) District Organising Commissioners (Scouts and Guides).

**Note**: Atleast three of the above will form the quorum of the panel.

8.2 The State level Panel of judges would comprise of:
(1) State Chief Commissioner
(2) Regional Organising Commissioners (Scouts and Guides),
(3) State Commissioners (Scouts and Guides),
(4) State Organising Commissioners (Scouts and Guides), and
(5) State Training Commissioners (Scouts and Guides),

**Note**: Atleast 3 of the above will form the quorum of the panel. The Log of the best unit in each group of subjects will be sent for consideration of the State level Panel of Judges according to the present time schedule. The state level panel of Judges will select the best among each group of subjects from the entries received and recommend the same to NHQ for the awards.
8.3 National levels panel of judges would comprise of:

(1) President of the National Association or his nominee,
(2) National Commissioner,
(3) Chief Commissioner (Scouts),
(4) Chief Commissioner (Guides), and
(5) Jt. Directors Scouts and Guides (Field Operations),

Note: The decisions of the judges at all levels will be final and no protests will be entertained.

9. Award

9.1 In each State, the Scout Troop, guide Company, standing first in the competition in each group of subjects and gaining 70% and above marks of the total will be awarded the PRIME MINISTER’S SHIELD AND A CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

9.2 All the units participating in the competition which gain more than 50% marks in the group of subjects selected by them will be awarded a Certificate of Merit signed by the Prime Minister.

9.3 Each Shield Winning unit will be invited to send its Troop/Company Leader, Asstt. Troop Leader/Asst. Company Leader, all Patrol Leaders, the Scouter/Guider, to a special Rally where these awards will be presented.
9.4 Each unit winning the Certificate of Merit will be invited to send the Troop Leader, Asstt. Troop Leader/Company Leader/Asst., Company Leader to this Rally to receive the certificate.

9.5 The Scouters/Guiders of the Shield winning Units will also be awarded certificate which will be presented to them along with Shield in the Rally.

9.6 Each member of the shield winning Unit would individually get a certificate signed by the National Commissioner.

9.7 Unit Leader of the Units getting Certificate of Merit would be awarded a certificate signed by the National Commissioner.

9.8 Unit Leader of the Units getting Certificate of Merit would be awarded a certificate signed by the National Commissioner. The same may be communicated by the SHQ to the Director of Education, Heads of the respective departments where Scouter/Guider is working, with a copy of the communication to the institution concerned.

9.9 Each member of each participating Units will be awarded a special Badge called “P. M. Shield Badge”, by the respective District Badge Committee, provided they have completed all the projects and submitted the Log Book to the District for Judgement in time.

9.10 Each participating member will be permitted to wear the badge as long as he/she continues to be in the unit.

9.11 A special plaque would be given to the state which wins 6 Shields at a time.
10. **Project Area**

The area of work for each Unit will be selected by respective Units and approved by the District Commissioner concerned. It shall not be less than 30 families and not more than 50 families preferably near their group H.Q. There shall be no duplication of areas among different Units. Each Scout Troop/Guide Company shall select different areas.

11. **Specification of the P.M Shield Log Book**

The Log Book of Prime Minister’s Shield Competition should be preferably 15”x 12” and not exceed 18”x 15” insize.

12. **Subjects for Competition**

The following are the subjects for competitions

**SUBJECT NO. 1**

**Compulsory for all units:**

Activities connected with anyone of the following

(A) Community Development Programme, i.e. Hobby centre or Leprosy Service or Farm Service or Small Savings.

   Campaign or Social Service for minimum 40 (Forty) hours spread over one year

   **OR**

(B) Adult Education Programme.

   **OR**

(C) Group Good Turn to the Movement.
SUBJECT NO. II

(A) Campaign for maintenance of cleanliness of environment.

OR

(B) Preservation of greenery and related activities.

OR

(C) Campaign for Road Safety,

SUBJECT NO. III

Any one of the following :-

(A) Campaign against harmful customs and prejudices prevailing in the Country and related activities.

(B) Campaign for National Integration and related activities.

(C) Campaign against alcohol, drugs narcotics and related activities.

(D) Campaign for safe drinking water and related activities.

SUBJECT NO. IV

1. Campaign for protection of animals and wildlife

OR

2. Leprosy Control Programme.

13. Syllabus

12 (i) Subject No. 1
**A Community Development Programme.**

**A. 1. Hobby Centre**  
Organise or run a Hobby centre for not less than 10 people in their localities or at a Community Centre or in a School or at a suitable place and organise training of hobbies which are relevant to needs of the participants. This centre should be run for at least six months.

**A. 2. Small Savings Campaign**  
Organise Small Savings campaigns in their school or in their area of work or in the village and make at least 50 persons to open Savings Bank Accounts or continue the previous accounts with savings added to it.

**A. 3. Social Service for Minimum of 40 hours, spread over the Year**  
Organise social service to the community in their neighbourhood at railway stations, fairs, festivals or any such occasion as with service is needed by the community.

Adopt an agricultural Farm in their neighbourhood and render service as an activity carried out during hikes or week ends to help the farmer to develop his farm. This may be done by Patrols by turns.

In case of Guides (in urban area) visit the families of the area and explain and help housewives to keep the kitchen and house in an orderly and neat manner. Also encourage and help for having a kitchen garden wherever possible.
A. 4. Farm Service
Adopt Farm of not less than 4 or 5 acres to help and guide the farmers in the following:
(i) Get in touch with Block Development Officer Agriculture/Animal husbandry and pass on the information about the latest techniques of farming/welfare of cattle/improved varieties of seeds/new pesticides and fungicides.
(ii) Help the farmers in operation like sowing/harvesting by making a fortnightly visit to the farm.

A. 5. Leprosy Service
For Scouts and Guides:
(i) Organise Survey of the families on Leprosy, chosen in the locality
(ii) In addition to survey, continued guidance for medical treatment to those affected, detected cases at least during the period of the Competition.
(iii) Organise medical check up for Leprosy for those in the selected area, in coordination with other organisation if any working in that area.
(iv) Organise Painting/Poster making/Essay Writings competition for school going children on subjects pertaining to Leprosy.
(v) Arrange Leprosy Awareness March/Anti Leprosy Week celebration/Anti Leprosy Day around Jan. 30th.
B. Adult Education Programme

1. Adult Literacy Centre

(i) Organise an Adult Literacy Campaign in their area of work and arrange to teach for at least six months a minimum of 30 persons to enable them to:

(a) Read a simple book or newspaper in their mother tongue.

(b) Write a letter to one of their relatives giving news of the family and the neighbourhood.

(c) Be able to write the day’s account of income and expenditure.

(d) Impart non-formal education connected with their vocation and neighbourhood to bring about proficiency in their occupation.

Any Headmaster or President of the Group Committee (in the case of Open Group) should certify the achievement of the Group in this respect.

(ii) In their area of work organise and run a Book Bank and a Reading Room in the school at the Community Centre or in the village and record the average attendance per day or per week.

2. Non-Formal Education

Organise a Non-formal Education Centre (to work in evenings) at Group Headquarters or any convenient place for school dropped out and for children who are unable to attend formal school in the day. These centres are for the age group of boys and girls up to 18 years of age. The advice and assistance from the Education Department may be obtained for running these centres.
At least 20 people preferably dropped outs or children should be benefitted by this scheme during the year.

C. **Group Good Turn to the Movement**

Any four of the following are to be completed:

1. To make available of resources and facilities of the competing unit such as equipment, book club room, personnel etc. in order that neighbouring units may utilize them. Atleast one unit should get the benefit.

2. To provide facilities for members of neighbouring unit to get instruction’ in proficiency badge work.

3. To help obtain uniform for the economically backward Scouts/Guides one’s own unit or in a neighbouring Unit, (atleast one should be a beneficiary).

4. To conduct a free coaching class for the needy school children preferably from a neighbourhood unit, (atleast three should be benefitted).

A list of names of beneficiaries with an acknowledgement from respective unit Leader shall be attached to this Log Book.

5. To integrate a physically handicapped or mentally retarded boy/girl into your unit and make him/her progress as any other boy/girl would.

A letter of acknowledgement from parents of the boy/girl is to be attached with the log book.

**12 (ii) SUBJECT No.II**

Campaign for maintenance of cleanliness of environment and preservation of greenery. (Attempt any four)
A. **Maintenance of cleanliness of environment**

(i) Organise house to house campaign on the need for maintenance of cleanliness in the house and environment and encourage house holders to keep garbage tins in each house and empty these tins regularly in a common refuse pit or tin or to have a refuse pit.

(ii) Maintain contact with the local sanitary staff of the Municipality or the Panchayat and arrange for the disposal of litter and garbage so collected. When no such arrangements are possible the unit should provide for a big garbage pit in consultation with the residents of locality and burn the garbage themselves once a week in it. Then encourage residents to do it.

(iii) Educate people to use potable water collected from protected sources only. If no such arrangement is available then persuade them to boil water for drinking purposes.

(iv) Adopt any public place approved by the D. C. like - a park or a well or a monument or Dharamshala or street and organise cleanliness drive at least once a month to keep it clean.

(v) For educating the Community, organise an exhibition at L.A./D.A. level at least once a year preferably on 7th November or 22nd February and 7th November to educate the people of the area regarding precious soil, clean water, pure air, wild life and no litter.

(vi) Encourage the Scouts and Guides to qualify for the Public Health Man Badge/Public Health Badge.
B. Preservation of Greenery

Take up any one of the following activities.

(i) Organise a Tree Planting Campaign-select a suitable spot. e.g. camp site, a village, a roadside stream or a picnic spot approved by the D.C. and plant four trees there and maintain these so that they grow. Maintain at least twelve pot plants with variety of plants or vegetables.

(ii) Grow and maintain flower bed or Terrace garden

(iii) Grow and maintain vegetable bed or kitchen garden and obtain fruit from it.

(iv) Select a place or eroded ground and work on it to prevent soil erosion and maintain it as such.

(v) Make a composite pit of a reasonable size and prepare manure of dry leaves.

(vi) Set up a grass lawn and maintain properly.

Campaign for Road Safety.

1. Know about Traffic signals and road signs and educate people about these subjects

2. Educate people about the Road Safety and Traffic regulations

3. Organise Road Safety Week with the help of Traffic Police Deptt. in the area.

4. Organise Queue System at the local transport service station or bus stop near school/hospital area.

12(iii) SUBJECT NO.III

(Attempt any one of the following i.e. A or B or C or D)

A. Harmful customs and prejudices in the Country.

A.1 Campaign Against Dowry System
(i) Make ten posters showing evils of Dowry System and display these at different places in the area and write 50 handbills against evils of Dowry System and distribute these from house to house in their area twice a year preferably on 2nd October and 14th November. Produce a sample of these posters and handbills with the Log Book.

(ii) Organise meetings of citizens of the area to educate them regarding evils of Dowry System and administer a solemn pledge neither to give nor to receive dowry.

A.2 Practice of tolerance towards all Castes, Creeds and Religions:

(i) Organise All Faiths Prayer Meetings preferably on 2nd October and 30th January and invite all citizens of the area.

(ii) Organise a Rally of children of all sections of the Society of age group 4 to 10 years in the area and organise games and competitions for them and light refreshments may be served to all children.

A.3 Campaign for the Removal of Untouchability.

(i) Organise regular visits to Harijan localities or undeveloped areas and establish play centres for their children. Also organise a Cub Pack/Bulbul Flock or Scout Troop/Guide Company for children living in these localities.

(ii) On 15th August hold a competition in making posters and writing handbills against the evil of untouchability and display these at prominent
places in their areas. Send a sample of these with the Log.

B. Campaign for National Integration and Related Activities.

SYLLABUS

1. During the year on different occasions conduct at least four programmes developed on the National Integration themes. Organise Peace Marches displaying Banners such as
   * From Kashmir to Kanayakumari India is one country”
   “India is my country. I proud to be an Indian”
   “Ours is a great Country.

2. Conduct painting/postermaking/easy competitions and exhibit in the locality. Hold cultural show/ pageants/ plays, skits etc. Organise ALL FAITHS PRAYER MEETINGS and peace Marches. Marches involving local people of the area.

3. Learn to prepare typical recipies of different regions / states of the country.

RECORD

Evaluation of the effect and submit detailed reports giving dates, participation, achievements etc. supported by photographs if any, on such programme conducted.

C. Campaign Against Alcohol, Narcotics and Drugs.

SYLLABUS

1. During the year on different occasions conduct at least four programmes bringing out the evils of using alcohol, narcotics and drugs.
2. Conduct programmes like Awareness Marches, Folk Songs, Street Plays, Campfires, Exhibitions, Hand Bills, Posters making Seminars, Workshops etc. spread the message of “Let Us Say No To Drugs” “PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE” ETC.

RECORD
Evaluate the effect and submit detailed reports giving the dates, participation, achievements etc. supported by photographs if any, on each of the programmes.

D. Campaign for Safe Drinking Water.
During the year on different occasions conduct at least four programmes through handbills, posters, exhibition and demonstration bring about awareness in the minds of the people of your locality the need for and methods of saving drinking water. Following are some suggestions.

(i) Adoption of public water source and maintain the surrounding area clean at least for a month.
(ii) Disinfection of public water resource.
(iii) Removal of weeds and other harmful aquatic growth from wells, ponds, lakes with the help of the local people.
(iv) Hold discussions on water pollution and its control.
(v) Hold discussions / exhibition of charts, posters, handouts etc. on water borne diseases and their prevention.
(vi) Hold Demonstrations on water pollution sampling and test of water, storing of drinking in clean vessels and keeping the water clean, process of filtering, boiling and storing water advantages. Evaluate the effect of your Campaign and Report,
12 (iv) Subject No. IV

A. Campaign for protection of animals and wildlife.

1. Organise Prevention of cruelty to animals Days at least once a year in collaboration with the local S.P.C.A. where it exists or in consultation with the local Veterinary Officer.

2. Make posters to educate people regarding prevention of cruelty to animals and display these at prominent places in the locality. Send samples of these with the Log.

3. Encourage Scouts/ Guides of the units to qualify for one of the following Proficiency Badges: Friend to Animals, Poultry, Farmer, Bird Warden, Bee Master, Herbalist.

4. Organise nature travels for study of natural environment and do one of the following:
   (a) Set up and maintain Bird Feeders, Bird Baths, Bird Houses to study Bird Life in the locality.
   (b) Make and maintain a simple fish pond and breed fish in it. Make and maintain a pond for frog or tortoise for their study.

5. Make plaster casts of footprints of three animals and carbon impressions of 12 kinds of leaves found in the neighbourhood. Make scrap book with specimen of pressed leaves, flowers or vegetables of all kinds of trees, flowers or vegetables found in the locality giving details for their study and usefulness to mankind.

6. (a) Know what Wild Life is found in the area and generally found in the locality, make pictures of these, each Scout/Guide, to imitate their calls.
The Scouter/Guider should certify the skill acquired by each Scout/Guide in this.

OR

(b) Organise a Nature Club and carry out satisfactorily the activities outlines for these Clubs by the World Wild Life Fund-India.
1. Their Instruction should be approved by the concerned Training Counsellor/District Training.

OR

B. Leprosy Control Programme
1. Spread the word using Audio/Visuals.
2. Propagate the five point programme of the BS&G.
3. Arrange medical check up in the Educational institutions and the necessary follow up to make each institution free from Leprosy. Help the Department of Leprosy eradication in all possible ways (Distributing medicines, maintaining registers, etc.).

SPREAD THE WORD
– Leprosy is one of the least infectious diseases.
– Leprosy is neither hereditary nor a curse; it is caused by germs.
– Eighty percent of leprosy cases in India are non-infectious.
– If a pale or red patch appears on your skin, do consult doctor immediately.
– Leprosy is completely curable with regular treatment. Early detection and regular treatment prevent deformities and disabilities.
– Help to overcome fear. Leprosy patients can't continue to live at home and do normal work while under treatment.
REGISTRATION FORM FOR PRIME MINISTER'S SHIELD COMPETITION
(Specimen)

FOR THE YEAR..........................to..................

Note:

* Have the particulars neatly typed or legibly hand written in capitals.
* Tick () the relevant words and strike off (X) the irrelevant ones.

1. Name of the State Association__________________________________________________________

2. (a) Name of District/Divisional Association______________________________________________
    (b) Address.__________________________________________________________________________
3. Name of Scout Troop/Guide Company with full postal address:

______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

4. Name of the Scouter/Guider incharge: Shri/Smt./Ms.

5. Number of members in the Troop/Company.

6. Subject for Competitions.

The following are the subjects for competition:

Note: The Scout Troops and Guide companies will participate in two subjects: Subject No. 1 will be compulsory for all and they may select one more subject i.e. No. II or III or No. IV.

**Subject 1.** Attempt any one of the following:

1. Community Development programme.
2. Adult Education Programme.
3. Group Good Turn to the Movement

(Contd.)
Attempt any one of the following

**Subject II.**
(i) Campaign for maintenance of cleanliness of environment
(ii) Preservation of greenery and related activities,
(iii) Campaign for Road Safety.

**Subject III.**
(1) Campaign against harmful customs and prejudices prevailing in the Country and related activities.
(2) Campaign for National Integration and related activities.
(3) Campaign against alcohol, drugs, narcotics and related activities.
(4) Campaign for Safe drinking water and related activities.

**Subject IV.**
(1) Campaign for protection of animals and wild life
(2) Leprosy Control Programme.
7. Registration fee for the Competition payable to the State Headquarters through State Rs. 10/- paid on

Submitted by ______________________

Signature of Scouter/Guider

Recommended by (District/Divisional Commissioner]

Forwarded to the National Headquarter for registration along with Rs. 10/- per Form (Unit)

State Secretary/Joint State Secretary/

State Organising Commissioner (S/GJ

Date______________________________

Form received at the National Headquarters on ________________________________

Signature________________________

Designation____________________

Note: The last date of submission of Registration form is 30th May of every year.