

# SÁLIM ALI CENTRE FOR ORNITHOLOGY AND NATURAL HISTORY (SACON)

## Sálim Ali Trophy Nature Competitions 2024-2025 Circular & Competition Guidelines

Greetings from SACON!

We are excited to announce the **Sálim Ali Trophy Nature Competitions 2024-2025**, as part of our ongoing efforts to raise awareness about nature conservation among school students. We invite schools in and around Coimbatore to participate in this prestigious event.

### Event Details:

<b>Date:</b>	27th October 2024 (Sunday)
<b>Time:</b>	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
<b>Venue:</b>	GD Matriculation School, No. 2, K.K. Lane, Coimbatore 641 018 (near Collector's Office)
<b>Theme:</b>	Waste to Wealth - Environmental Consciousness & Sustainable Innovations. However specific topic will be given on the date of the competition.
<b>Participants:</b>	School students from Grades 1 to 12. (Including Home-schooled children)

**Last Date for Registration:** 20th October 2024 (Spot registration also available)

**Registrations will be done only through Google Forms (Teachers/Parents may please help):**

<https://tinyurl.com/SACON-SANTC2024>

### Categories of Participants

I - V (Sub Junior)	VI - VIII (Junior)	IX – X (Senior)	XI – XII (Super Senior)
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### Types of Competitions

Competition	Eligibility	Details/Remarks
Painting	All four Categories	The priority judgment will go to the realistic nature of the painting and the artistic talent equally. Painting charts will be provided, and the students should bring colouring materials.
Essay writing	Juniors, Seniors and Super Seniors, <b>Teachers</b>	Essay writing: English and Tamil. A particular theme or situation will be given on the day of the event. Papers will be provided.
Poetry writing	Juniors, Seniors and Super Seniors	In Tamil and English: A particular theme or situation will be given on the day of the event. Papers will be provided.
Slogan Writing	Juniors, Seniors and Super Seniors, <b>Teachers</b>	In Tamil and English: Participants create catchy slogans based on the topic announced on the spot. Papers will be provided.
Quiz	Juniors, Seniors and Super Seniors	In teams of Two. Shortlisting will be done on the day of the event, and the final round will be held at SACON. Dates of which will be conveyed to the shortlisted participants.

Spot the Bird	Juniors, Seniors and Super Seniors	In teams of Two. Bird identification skills will be judged through prompts such as photographs and pre-recorded calls/songs
Eco-friendly Model Creation	Seniors and Super Seniors	Models will be judged based on creativity, theme relevance, sustainability, structural integrity, aesthetics, and utility. Participants must complete their models within the time frame and provide a short description explaining the model and its relevance to the theme. <b>Teams can consist of one or two participants.</b> <b>Materials:</b> Participants must bring their own waste materials, such as plastic bottles, paper, metal scraps, or old electronic parts. New materials are not allowed, except adhesives and basic tools. <b>Tools and Supplies:</b> Participants should bring their own tools (scissors, glue, etc.) for assembly. No electrical tools are allowed, and the organisers will provide workspace. <b>Time Limit:</b> Maximum 2 hours
Cleanliness and Environmental Practices Category	All Participating Schools	Judges will visit all participating schools to assess cleanliness, waste management, and eco-friendly practices. Schools will be evaluated on maintaining a clean environment, proper waste segregation, sustainable waste disposal methods, and the promotion of eco-conscious behaviors among students. Environmental awareness initiatives like recycling programs or green projects, as well as student involvement, will also be considered. This category encourages schools to adopt and showcase responsible environmental practices. A special award will be presented to the school that demonstrates exemplary cleanliness and environmental stewardship.

### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Please register for the competitions on or before 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 on <https://tinyurl.com/SACON-SANTC2024>.
2. Students should report to the venue on their own with their Identity cards (School ID cards or a letter/certificate from the headmaster/Principal).
3. The students attending more than one competition are requested to inform the same in the reception in advance.
4. The students who participate in **Quiz and Spot the Bird** should attend these competitions first and then go to any other competitions. (**Quiz-only the screening test on that day**)