

**Provincial Level Invention Evaluation for "Sahasak Nimavum 2024" National Invention Exhibition and Competition**

**Conditions, Instructions and Guidelines for Completing the Application**

The Sri Lanka Inventors Commission has planned to conduct provincial level invention evaluation for "Sahasak Nimavum 2024" National Invention Exhibition and Competition at the provincial level. Provincial level evaluations to be conducted free of charge by the Commission.

**Provincial Level Invention Evaluation Schedule**

Province	Evaluation Session		Application Deadline for Evaluations
	Venue	Date	
Sabaragamuwa	Sivali Central College, Hindallana, Rathnapura	11/07/2024	04/07/2024
Southern	Auditorium, District Secretariat Office, Hambantota	07/08/2024	01/08/2024
	Faculty of Science, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara	08/08/2024	
	Southlands College, Galle	09/08/2024	
North Western	Sir John Kothalawala College, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala	16/07/2024	09/07/2024
Eastern	Main Auditorium, Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Vantharumoolai, Chenkalady	25/07/2024	19/07/2024
Northern	Library Auditorium, University of Jaffna, Ramanathan Road, Jaffna	27/07/2024	
Central	Dharmaraja College, Kandy	13/08/2024	06/08/2024
Uva	Main Lecture Theatre, Uva Wellassa University, Badulla	03/08/2024	26/07/2024
North Central	Advanced Technological Institute, New Puththalam Road, Pandulagama, Anurādhapura	21/08/2024	14/08/2024
Western	Gnanodaya Maha Vidyalaya, Kalutara	27/08/2024	20/08/2024
	Auditorium at Agra Hall, District Secretariat Office, Gampaha	28/08/2024	
	Sri Lanka College of Technology, Olcott Road, Colombo 10	29/08/2024	

**Registration for Provincial Invention Selection Programs**

Registration for provincial level evaluation programmes can be done through the online system as well as by sending completed application via registered post to the Commission. The application can be downloaded by accessing the Provincial Inventions Evaluation form in the "Downloads" section of the Commission's website or by accessing the link <https://shorturl.at/kBKV1>.

Even so, inventors who apply for Provincial Level Invention Evaluation programmes through the online system will be automatically given priority registration numbers by the system and sub-numbers will be issued by the system for other applicants who apply for Provincial Level Invention Evaluation programmes through registered post.

Please refer to the following links for online registration for Provincial Level Invention Evaluation programmes.

<p>You can register for the Provincial Level Invention Evaluation programmes by visiting the Commission's website as follows.</p> <p><a href="https://slic.gov.lk/">https://slic.gov.lk/</a></p> <p>↓</p> <p>Events</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Provincial Programmes 2024</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Provincial Evaluations</p>	<p>And also, by scanning this QR code.</p> <div data-bbox="828 258 1129 569" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>It can also be done by referring through this link.</p> <p><a href="https://forms.gle/kmJsLY5wgM46ENg36">https://forms.gle/kmJsLY5wgM46ENg36</a></p>
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### Main Categories of the Provincial Level Invention Evaluation programmes

Inventors can apply their applications for the competition in one of the following categories.

- School
- Universities and Tertiary Educational Institutes
- Open
- Institutional
- Commercialized (must have taken necessary steps to secure intellectual property rights)

#### *School Category*

- The maximum age limit for the applicants for the school category is the age limit of the students who are appearing for the G.C.E A/L examination for second time. Individual students in that age limit cannot appear in any other category than the school category. Such student inventors should not be school leavers at the time of applying for the competition.
- If these applicants are selected for the "Sahasak Nimavum 2024" National Invention Exhibition and Competition, it is mandatory to provide the recommendation of the principal of the school mentioning that they are students of that particular school at the time when submitting their application.
- The maximum number of students who can participate in a group invention is 02.
- It is mandatory that the other member of the group must be a school student when applying under the school category. Inventors who are not school students, cannot be participated as inventors for the competition under the school category.
- In cases where students of schools have failed to properly confirm their studentship as stated above, the inventions will be considered under "Open Category" for the evaluation.

#### *Universities and Tertiary Educational Institutions*

- University students applying for the University and Tertiary Educational Institutes category should be following a first degree as internal students at a university at the time of applying for the competition. Students representing Tertiary Educational Institutes must be currently engaged in the educational activities of those educational institutions.
- These applicants must submit a photocopy of the student ID card issued by the attached institute at the time of provincial evaluation.



- University lecturers/ supervisors involved in the inventions can also be appear as team members under this category.
- Apart from these two groups of students and lecturers, other people cannot be considered as team members of an invention registered for Provincial Level Invention Evaluation under the Universities and Tertiary Educational Institutes category.
- In cases where students of universities and tertiary educational institutions have failed to properly confirm their studentship as stated above, the inventions will be considered under "Open Category" for the evaluation.

#### *Commercialized Category*

- Competitors in the Commercialized Invention category must provide proper evidence that their inventions have been commercialized and taken necessary steps to secure the intellectual property rights (e.g., issued patent or patent application details, novelty, environmental impact, security, existence of the business, export opportunities if any and gross annual income etc.) must be submitted to the evaluation panel and the responsibility of that lies with the inventor.

#### *Institutional Category*

- Applicants from related institutions including Government, Private, Research and other relevant institutions should apply their inventions and innovations for the competition under this category through their respective Institutes.
- Only the inventions that have not commercialized at the time can be applied under this category.
- If an inventor apply for the competition under this category, it is mandatory to submit the recommendation of the head of the relevant institution for competing at the time of submission to the Provincial Level Invention Evaluation programme.
- University internal undergraduates and school students are not eligible to apply their inventions under this category.

#### *Open Category*

All inventors not related to School, University and Tertiary Education Institutes, Institutional and Commercialized categories, can apply for the competition in the open category.

#### **General Instructions for Registrations for Provincial Level Invention Evaluation Programme and Complete the Application**

Applicants are strictly advised to follow the instructions and register for the competition from the correct category and the Commission has the right to reject applications those who have not followed the given instructions.

It is mandatory to apply separately for each invention to be presented for the Provincial Level Invention Evaluation Programmes. Applying more than one invention in a single application will be caused for rejection of the application.

In case of a group invention, team leader should duly complete the application including the names and personal details of all the team members and subsequent changes for team members will not be accepted by the Commission. The person whose name is mentioned first in the application form will be considered as the person who will take the leadership of the team.

Inventions that have been submitted and won any award from previous "Sahasak Nimavum" competitions organized by the Commission, cannot be submitted for this year competition without any positive and considerable improvements/developments in which case you expect to submit the invention again in the same category.

Invention evaluation will be only done through physical evaluation sessions. Only in cases where the invention cannot be physically presented for the evaluation, the applicants should take relevant necessary steps to provide sufficient information to the judging panel to explain the invention and its functionality.

Applicants should explain the novelty of the invention, utility and benefits to human/animal, commercialization potential, scientific principles, environmental impact, safety, sustainability, export market potential, etc. In additions, information related to quality, test reports and patents obtained will be added advantage for the applicants.

Applications which are not completed as per the instructions and guidance contained in this guide, will be rejected by the Commission.

Subsequent changes will NOT be entertained by the Commission in respect of applications submitted to the competition.

Duly filled applications should be submitted through online mode before the deadlines of the respective Provincial Level Invention Evaluation Programmes. It is the responsibility of the applicants and rejection of applications after the due date will be done automatically by the online system and the Commission will not take any responsibility for any inconvenience caused. After successfully registering through the online system, you will receive e-mail acknowledgement confirming your invention registration to your e-mail.

Also, applications will be sent by registered post should addressed to the "Director, Sri Lanka Inventors Commission, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, "Mehewara Peyasa" Building, Colombo 05", stating "Sahasak Nimavum 2024" on the top left corner of the envelope. The relevant applications for the respective provinces should be forwarded to the address on or before the relevant deadlines and applications received after the deadline will not be accepted by the Commission.

### Intellectual Property Rights

The inventions applied for the competition must be original. An invention created by another person should not be reproduced and submitted to the competition. In the event of such submission and winning, if it is proved with proper evidences that the intellectual property rights of the original owner of the invention have been infringed, the Commission shall take steps to return the awarded prizes and all certificates and medals also the relevant inventor shall be bound to return the same to the Commission.

### Implementation and the Evaluation of the Competition

- The decision of the evaluation panel which approved by the Commission shall be the final decision in respect of the invention evaluation.
- The Commission reserves the right to decide on all other matters including changing the time, dates and venues of the related activities.
- It should be noted that the registered inventors must participate in the relevant evaluation on the scheduled date as specified in the schedule, and the Commission will not issue a letter of reminder. Arrangements will be made to notify only if there are any changes in the relevant dates or venues.

### Technical Fields

Each invention/innovation should be applied under one of the most suitable Technical Field in the relevant category.

- Public Safety, Welfare and National Defense
- Physics
- Medicine and Pharmacy
- Traditional Medicine
- Agriculture
- Food Technology
- Chemistry
- Applied Sciences and Technology
- Energy
- Environmental Conservation
- Engineering
- Information and Communication Technology
- Transportation
- Public Works and Infrastructure Engineering

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