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12,000 students take part in Amrita contest

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KOCHI: As part of instilling confidence among the financially weak and the orphaned schoolchildren who are beneficiaries of its 'Vidyamritham' scholarship scheme, the Mata Amritanandamayi Math on Sunday organised competitions at different centres across the state.

In all 12,000 children took part in the various competitions, including essay writing, drawing, poem writing and elocution under junior and senior categories at different centres, Abhayamrita Chaithanya, Pro-Chancellor, Amrita Viswa Vidhyapeetham, told newsmen here.

Those studying in the sixth to eighth standard belonging to the junior section and those from ninth to 12th standards coming under the senior section took part in the competition held at 22 different centres in the state.

The two themes of the competition were based on nature and man, peace and tranquillity. Five-thousand students took part in the competitions at Amrita Vidyalayam, Edapally, and the TD High School, Mattancherry here. The winners of the competitions held on Sunday will take part in the final round on September 25 in the presence of noted artists and litterateurs.

The beneficiaries of the 'Vidyamritham' scholarship scheme would converge at Amrithapuri on the 56th birthday of Mata Amritanandamayi.

He said that the purpose of conducting the event was the Vidhyapeetham's aim to discharge its social responsibility to uplift the oppressed sections of the society by providing them a platform to display their aptitude. This will also help in preventing dropouts which gives birth to various social evils, he said.

He said that the 'Vidyamritham' scheme floated in 2007 had benefited 30,000 students so far. Besides Kerala, the scheme has been introduced in other states, including Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.



Students participating in the drawing competition organised by the Mata Amritanandamayi Math at Amrita Vidyalaya, Edapally, on Sunday.

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