MERAKI 2026
Festival of Minds
Sadhu Vaswani International School for Girls, Delhi

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Class IX to XII

Information Sheet for Silent Voices

Mime (Non-Verbal Performance) based on a select topic from a given list

Date	Reporting Time	Event Start Time	Team Size
4 August, 2026	8:15 a.m.	8:30 am	6 - 8 per school

Competition Details:

Teams must select and perform on ONE of the following five social issues:

1. Gender Equality & Stereotypes: Breaking gender roles, equal opportunities in education/careers, fighting discrimination

2. Digital Literacy & Cyberbullying: Online safety, social media addiction, cyberbullying, responsible digital citizenship

3. Inclusivity & Disability Rights: Accessibility, equal rights for persons with disabilities, fighting prejudice, mainstream inclusion

Judging Criteria:

- Clarity of Message & Theme Expression
- Mime Technique & Movement Quality
- Use of Props & Costume Design
- Background Music & Sound Design
- Mask/Facial Expressions & Characterization
- Ensemble Coordination & Synchronization
- Creativity & Originality

Event Instructions:

- Participant schools must carry all props (realistic or abstract)
- Costumes should enhance the narrative
- Face makeup recommended; face masks/white face optional
- Props should be safe and non-hazardous
- Setup time: Maximum 2 minutes

Background Music & Audio

- Music is optional but recommended for impact
- Must be provided as MP3 or WAV file (email 1 week before event)
- Maximum volume levels will be controlled by organizers
- Sound effects should enhance, not replace, mime performance
- Copyright-free or royalty music preferred

Lighting & Stage Setup

- Standard stage lighting will be provided by organizers
- Special lighting requests can be made (subject to approval) in advance
- Stage equipped with advanced lighting and sound system

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Important Rules & Guidelines

- No verbal communication or dialogues allowed during performance
- No offensive, vulgar, or inappropriate content
- Time limit strictly enforced (excess time will result in point deduction)
- Teams must perform on ONE selected social issue only
- Judges reserve the right to disqualify inappropriate performances
- Decision of judges is final and binding

General instructions for all events are on the main page.

NOTE: The event is open for girls and boys.

Kindly submit the entries online using the Google Form links latest by Tuesday, 28 July 2026.

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