



Dear colleagues!

“My History” Humanities Support Foundation supported by the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation and Minin Nizhny Novgorod State Pedagogical University are holding the Russian language contest «I will tell you about myself, Russia!». Contest partners: INDAPRYAL, international project of the TV BRICS media network “Modern Russian”.

The contest aims to promote the Russian language, Russian education and Russian culture. The contest is open to citizens of the Republic of India aged 10 to 35 inclusive.

The contest consists of two stages:

The first stage is organized remotely, running from September 26 to October 26, 2025.

To participate in the first stage, contestants are invited to write a creative work (essay) in Russian on one of the suggested topics and submit a video self-introduction that reveals their personal experience and reasons for learning the Russian language .

Essay topics (contestants choose one topic from the list below):

- *The Old Master (Crafts, folk art, cultural traditions that unite Russia and India).*
- *Let's Sing, Friends.... (What unites the musical culture of Russia and India?).*
- *A Wondrous City, an Ancient City!.. (A city in Russia I dream to visit).*
- *The Magical World of Cinema (A film about Russia / A Russian film (cartoon) that influenced me).*
- *Russia in Books (The most important Russian book in my life).*
- *What I Know About Russia and Russians.*
- *Why is it necessary to study the Russian language in India?*
- *Russia and India: What Brings Our Peoples Closer?*
- *Traveling Across Russia: Cities, History, Culture.*
- *A Souvenir from Russia: What to Bring to remember Russia.*

Video presentation is the participant's audiovisual message about himself/herself in Russian, including information of the contestant's first name, last name, and place of work or study. The message must also include answers to the questions: "My introduction to Russian

culture," "Why am I interested in Russian culture/literature/history?" and "Why do I want to learn the Russian language?".

Requirements for the contest works are presented in the Contest Regulations https://drive.google.com/file/d/19gmP0P_YLzGbg6ct6bwcOgOW7ek3KTcQ/view?usp=sharing

Works submitted on times via the online form will be admitted to the Contest <https://forms.gle/5oYTpNFS3SzPiu538>

The second stage is an in-person round, which will take place from November 2 to November 22, 2025, at various venues in the Republic of India (dates and venues will be announced later). The in-person stage involves participation in an individual quiz consisting of creative and educational tasks (testing, dramatization, a listening comprehension task).

The contest is held in two age groups (up to 18 years old; 18 years old and older). Based on the results of the contest, a winner and prize-winners will be determined in each age group.

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