

# International spell bee champ



**Sharan Mangrulkar from Champion School secured title of International Spelling Bee Champion**

**A**fter spelling the word 'Triskaidekaphobia' and unscrambling words such as 'nahpetnc' among others, Sharan Mangrulkar from Champion School made it to the finals and bagged the title of International Spelling Bee Champion for the year 2012-2013. The Sixth International Championship of the MaRRS International Spelling Bee Competition was held in Bangalore on July 6, 2014. Sharan won the award in category III for children of the age group of 9-11 years. He was awarded a scholarship of 4444 US Dollars as the first prize.

MaRRS International Spelling Bee is currently the largest English

Spelling Competition in the world, in terms of scope and participation. Over 3 lakh students participate in this competition annually. Sharan's journey began with School Oral and interschool written competition in April 2013 to the International Orals at Bangalore in July this year.

The four avenues of testing students in the Oral rounds were 'Spell it', 'Synonyms and Antonyms', 'Word Origin' and 'Aural Skills'. The written rounds assessed the students' skills in 'Phonemic Awareness', 'Jumbled letters', 'Word Application', 'Complete the idioms', 'Crosswords', 'Segmentals and Suprasegmentals' and 'Phrasal Verbs'.