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Amdavadi kid becomes nat'l star speller

Shanti Asiatic School student is best performer of Int'l Spelling Bee

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Ahmedabad students shone at the Eighth National Championship of MaRRS International Spelling Bee, which was held at Osmania University, Hyderabad, recently.

A Lakshmi Sumedha and Kartikey Sharma of Shanti Asiatic School won the third and first position respectively in Category I and V. While Kavya Keetan Shukla of Anand Niketan School, Satellite, grabbed the first place in category VI.

Kartikey Sharma was also declared as the star speller as well as the best performer of the National Championship and won a scholarship of Rs 60,000 for being the star speller and one lakh for being the best performer.

16-year-old Kartikey said, "My hobby and sincere habit of reading books has helped me a lot in the competition. Also for one month before the competition, I religiously learnt new words to improve my vocabulary. I wish to do my master's in language and literature."

Nearly 2,000 children, studying in class I to XII from across 22 states participated in the competition after qualifying in the school level through inter-school and state championships.

The first prize winner in all the categories won a scholarship of Rs50,000, while the second and third prize winners won scholarships worth Rs30,000 and Rs20,000 respectively. The MaRRS International Spelling Bee is currently the largest english spelling competition in the world in terms of scope and participation. It is conducted in UAE, Kuwait, Malaysia and in 22 states of India. The championship is soon going to be launched in Indonesia and Australia.

Rishabh Chawda, son on Sharmishtha Chawda, Gujarat coordinator, was the first Amdavadi to win the international spelling bee in Malaysia in 2011. This year seven students secured a place among the top 20.

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