A Crime Correspondence

A Crime Correspondence is the flagship murder mystery event of Pravega where the participants (you) play the role of detectives, connecting dots and deciphering clues to find out who the culprit is. Put on your detective hats and join us here at Pravega to catch the killer before it is too late.

Mode of The Event

- 1. The event will be conducted in two rounds. Prelims (3rd August 7th August) and Finals (2nd September). The dates are tentative and can be shifted by a day or two. Keep yourself updated on the Pravega website and Instagram Page.
- 2. The prelims will be entirely online. The participants will not have to come to a venue for the prelims.
- 3. The finals will be held at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. The finalists will be required to be present in person at the IISc campus for the finals. (Travel journey cost would be reimbursed up to the ticket cost, or INR 1,000, whichever is lesser, per person.)

Eligibility and Registration details

- Anyone and everyone can take part in the prelims. The registrations for prelims will start on 18th July. Keep checking the Pravega <u>Instagram Page</u> and <u>website</u> to stay updated.
- 2. Participants can register in teams of up to 3. Only one of the team members will have to register for the whole team.
- 3. There is no registration cost. There might be a cap on the number of registrations due to logistics considerations. The registrations will close as soon as the number of registrations reaches that cap.
- 4. Any team which consists of someone from IISc will not be eligible for finals and prizes. However, they may be given a chance to test run the finals.

Guidelines for Prelims

- The prelims will be conducted online in rounds. Participants will be given clues and chunks of information each round which they will be required to piece together to figure out the story and find the killer in the end. At the end of each round, they will be required to correctly answer a question related to the story to move on to the next round.
- 2. Some of the rounds might be elimination rounds where only the first few teams to answer the question correctly will get to move on to the next round.
- 3. The last round will be an interview round on Google Meet with the judges, where all the team members will have to be present on video to present their theory of the story and who the killer was. The judges might ask them questions to understand their theory better. They will be judged and given points based on how consistent their theory is, how many clues they picked up on, and how close their theory is to the intended story. Winners will be decided based on points.
- 4. The expected duration of the prelims is between 2 to 5 hours which comprises of the participants going through the rounds and the interview round. The expected date of the event is 3rd August 7th August. The exact time of prelims on 7th August will be communicated to the registrants later.
- 5. All communication will be done via E-mail, Pravega website, or discord.

 Participants are requested to familiarize themselves with these platforms.
- 6. Participants are requested to have a strong internet connection. Any hindrance caused to the participants during the event due to their poor internet connection will solely be their own responsibility, and the participants will not be compensated for such hindrance in any way.
- 7. Some clues might be shared on the Pravega Instagram page before the event.

 Participants are thus recommended to stay updated with the Pravega Instagram

 Page.
- 8. We recommend that the team members be at the same location for easier logistics. In case the team members are present at different locations, it will be the team's responsibility to set up communication methods between the team members.
- Use of internet is allowed. However, collaboration with other teams or anyone not registered for the event is strictly prohibited. Any team that uses these unfair means can be disqualified from the event. The event coordinators' have the final say in this regard.
- 10. The winners of the prelims will be announced on the Pravega website and Instagram page.
- 11. Except when prohibited by law, participation in this competition constitutes the permission to use the participants' name, likeness, and prize information for publicity purposes without further permission or compensation.

Guidelines for Finals

To be declared later

Prízes

All finalists from prelims are guaranteed rewards from the finals prize pool. The top finishers in prelims (excluding the finalists) will be rewarded from the prelims prize pool.

Prelims (Not available to the finalists): Prizes worth INR 1,000

Finals (Only available to the finalists): Prizes worth INR 15,000

Force Majeure

This contest is subject to force majeure circumstances, including but not limited to pandemics, floods, political unrests, technical snags, an act of God, or any circumstance beyond the reasonable control of Pravega, IISc Bangalore ("Force Majeure Event"). Pravega, IISc Bangalore shall not be liable for any delay or adverse effect caused to the participants in the contest, including the winners, as a result of a Force Majeure Event.

Acceptance

Participation in the competition implies the acceptance of these terms and the judging criteria.

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