

"Soba Chalana" Short Video Competition – 2026

❖ Theme

Videos may cover environmental events, climate change, biodiversity, environmental pollution and other related environmental topics.

Competition Guidelines

- ❖ **Time** - Maximum 2 minutes
- ❖ **Competition Categories** - Open and School Category
- ❖ **Medium/ Language** - **Creations may be submitted in** Sinhala, Tamil or English. Sinhala and Tamil creations **must include** English subtitles. (This requirement does not apply to videos without dialogue)

Technical Specifications

- ❖ Any suitable recording device may be used (e.g. a mobile phone).
- ❖ However, the final video must be in high resolution and suitable for projection on a large screen.

Submission of Creations

- ❖ An applicant can submit more than one video.
- ❖ A copy of each video should be submitted on a DVD as a separate data file or Creation may be submitted via e-mail to sobachalanashortvideos@gmail.com

Intellectual Property Terms

- ❖ The creator is solely responsible for the content of the submitted video.
- ❖ If royalty free music, sound effects, or Open Educational Resources (OER) are used, the relevant sources must be acknowledged in the end of the video.
- ❖ The Ministry of Environment reserves the right to exhibit and share the videos submitted to this competition for official, educational and awareness raising purposes.

Other Conditions

- ❖ Creators must submit videos under their real names only.
- ❖ The creations must be original, copyright infringement will lead to rejection.
- ❖ Judging will be conducted by a panel of experts in the relevant field and the decision of the jury shall be final.
- ❖ At the final evaluation stage, three winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd places) will be selected to receive awards, certificates and cash prizes.
- ❖ Winners of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in both Open and School categories at the provincial level will be awarded a cash prize and a certificate.
- ❖ School category applicants must submit their entries recommended by their School Principal using the official application form designated for school applicants.

❖ Open category applicants must submit their creations with the provided application form.

❖ **Closing Date for Submissions :** 2026.10.10

❖ **For Applications and Further Details:**

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