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Titled 'World Scholar's Cup', the competition assesses proficiency over core subjects like science, social studies, arts and music, literature, history and special area. The top finalists will further compete at Yale University in the US.

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logical thinking skills and instils creativity among them," said Vishal Sharma, program director (India) for World Scholar's Cup.

Sharma told **TOI** the competition comprised three rounds. "There is a regional round followed by a global round and then the final round that will happen at Yale Uni-

versity," he said. "The global round will happen in three different countries. Participants can choose to go to any of these three countries where shortlisted students will go to the final round at Yale University."

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The top 10 performing teams compete at the Global Round. The final round called the Tournament of Champions will be held at Yale University. "The finalists will also attend a special panel on college admissions and on how to leverage their World Scholar's Cup experience as part of their admissions portfolio," organisers said.

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Over 500 students take part in Scholar's Cup

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The competition tested students' mastery over subjects such as science, social studies, arts and music, literature and history. The finalists will get a chance to compete at Yale University in USA.

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 The World Scholars' Cup regional round is being held at a city school in Sector 54.

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The 10 performing teams will compete in the global round in competitions such as scavenger hunts, keynote speeches, panel discussions, Scholar's Ball and the like.

"Tam excited to participate in the World Scholar's Cup. My performance was not very encouraging last year and Iplan to improve it this year. Such events contribute to our all-round development besides testing our academic skills," said Anisha Paul, a student of Modern School, Delhi.

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