

Pathbreakers is back!

The hit reality TV challenge, aired on ETV, returns for an all-exciting second season! Pathbreakers takes the credit for being the first English language simulation of the reality show format in Sri Lanka. It is only a first of many. Pathbreakers remains the only reality show that is built on an insightful educational platform. The show ensures high entertainment value and inspirational learning outcomes for both participants and viewers.

This season the stakes are even higher! It is a refreshing take on the reality format where brains are matched with survival skills. Mixing elements from the tried-and-tested Television Quiz format with the ever-popular Reality Show, Pathbreakers-The Aspirations Conquest will put to test both knowledge and leadership skills of contestants.

The Creators of Pathbreakers.

Aspirations Education (AE) is a comprehensive career guidance organization, which facilitates students of different age groups and financial standings to identify study options in different fields, across many parts of the world. AE represents many Universities and Institutions of high repute in countries like Australia, UK, USA, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand and China.

Vanguard Management Services (Pvt) Ltd (VMS) is the premier media management company in Sri Lanka that has pioneered many changes in the local media landscape. Vanguard is the driving force behind ETV, the popular English language channel. It is also the leading business news/features producer in Sri Lanka.



Pathbreakers Season 1

Aspirations Education together with some of the leading foreign Universities around the world developed & broad-cast a reality show, where contestants analyzed issues and decisions of real-time organizations.

8 teams, representing leading educational institutes in the field of business and management in Sri Lanka, competed in the show. The participating teams simulated the role of “Management Consultants” to an organization’s Board of Directors.

Each team of participants was given a case study on a specific business management issue of a real-time business. Based on this case study, each team was to report their findings and recommendations to the Board on how to tackle the issue. The team with the best management insights providing the most viable and effective business solution stood to win the challenge.

Pathbreakers Season 2 The Aspirations Conquest

Pathbreakers -The Aspirations Conquest will be an intellectually stimulating experience targeted at a younger group of participants (school-goers above 15yrs of age). This season the format has been extensively modified to challenge school-goers who are aspiring to be the leaders of tomorrow and to give an unforgettable television experience to the viewers.

What is Pathbreakers- Aspirations Conquest?

Pathbreakers- Aspirations Conquest is the second season of the hit reality TV show Pathbreakers.

Pathbreakers- Aspirations Conquest will be telecast as a weekly prime time TV show on Sri Lanka’s premier English channel ETV.

The show will consist of 11 episodes that will telecast over the months of October, November and December in the year 2008.

The objective of the show is to allow school-going children in the age group, (16-19 yrs) an opportunity to showcase their abilities and prove them-selves as potential leaders. The academic knowledge acquired will be evaluated for



it's applicability in real challenging situation.

The show will feature 50 school-goers (aged above 16yrs) competing with each other through a series of challenges that demand skills needed by the leaders of tomorrow.

The competition format of the show will test knowledge, personality, creativity, lateral thinking skills, flexibility and adaptability of the participants along with the ability to work in a team.

At the end of 11 episodes the show will choose one ultimate winner from the 50 contestants and he or she will be awarded the grand prize.

Though participants will enter the competition as individual contestants the competition format will encourage them to compete in teams.

Those contestants who fail to meet the final objectives of the respective challenges will get eliminated during the process.

The entire competition will be captured on camera and edited for television broadcast.

All contestants are advised to carefully read the Terms & Conditions applicable

for the show are expected to submit the written confirmation of acceptance at the point of commencement.

Contestants chosen for the show are strictly required to abide by the Guidelines and Shooting Schedules provided by the production team before the filming of each episode.

How does the competition work?

The contest will be carried out in 3 stages:

- 1st to the 5th episodes - Preliminaries
- 6th to the 10th episodes - The Second round (Final 10 contestants)
- 11th episode - The Grand Showdown

The Preliminaries

The 50 contestants selected from the aptitude test will be randomly allocated in 5 teams of 10 members each for the first five episodes in the preliminary rounds, The Preliminaries will be elimination rounds, which will select the 2 most deserving contestants from each episode being selected for the second round. In each preliminary episode there will be 10 contestants competing to be selected to the FINAL 10.

The second round – (Final 10 contestants)

The 10 contestants who make it through to the second stage of the show will compete with each other over the next five episodes.

There is no elimination in this stage. Instead the contestants will acquire points based on their performance in each episode.

The Grand Showdown

This is the finale of **Pathbreakers-Aspirations Conquest**. The Grand Showdown will determine the overall winner of the challenge.

Only 6 out of the final 10 can qualify into the Grand Show-down episode and this qualification is based on the overall points tally from the previous stage.

The Grand Showdown will present the final 6 contestants with the ultimate challenge.

Contestants who fail to meet the objective(s) of this ultimate challenge will be eliminated from the show.

The 'last contestant standing' will walk away 'the winner' of the Aspirations Conquest.

THE SHOW AT A GLANCE

	NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS	EPISODES	CONTESTANTS PER EP
PRELIMINARIES	50	5	10
FINAL 10	10	5	10
GRAND SHOWDOWN	6	1	6



What are the challenges?

Each stage of the competition will require contestants to accomplish different challenges. Further details about these challenges will be provided at **The Brief** that will be held before the launch of the show (date, time and venue will be notified individually to the chosen contestants).

However contestants should note that certain components of the challenges will **ONLY** be revealed on the day of the competition to preserve the essence of each challenge.

Challenges can come in the form of individual quizzes or team tasks.

The Host of the programme will brief contestants on the guidelines before the commencement of each challenge.

All challenges are designed to be accomplished within the specified time..

Any material required to complete a challenge will be pro-vided to the contestants. No external resource may be used as support.

Since it is a competition assessing individual/team strengths and capabilities no assistance may be obtained from any external resources.

Any attempt to do so will result in disqualification.

The challenges presented to the contestants will require individual as well as team efforts. Depending on the outcome required, the involvement of individual participants will be evaluated by an independent panel of judges.



Who will be the judge?

Each panel participating in an episode will include three eminent members from a pool supporting the programme. All of them are academically. They have been invited to make their valuable contributions to ensure the maintenance of the high standards required by the programme.

Impressing the Panel of Judges

Merely completing the tasks at hand will not be sufficient for consideration of the judges. They will be focusing extensively on the existing skills/competencies and the participation levels of each individual member.

The Panel of Judges will be expected to make their assessment based on sound criteria consisting of quantitative measurements as well as qualitative assessments. Whilst their decisions will be deemed final and binding, they will provide explanations to the organizers when necessary.



Pathbreakers- The Aspirations Conquest – FAQ

How can I take part in the – Pathbreakers -Aspirations Conquest?

Log on to www.aspirations.edu.lk to complete and submit the online application.

I attend an international school. Can I apply?

If you are above 16 yrs! Students from both local and inter-national schools can apply for the show. You need to be competent in communicating in the English language

Do I need to pay to be a part of the show?

No.

Will I get paid for appearing on the show?

No

Will I need permission from my school?

All applicants MUST obtain a letter of consent from their schools before taking part in Programme.. The letter of consent can be produced on the day of the Aptitude Test.

What should I do after applying?

You will be notified about the Aptitude Test after submitting your application. All applicants should bring two letters of consent from parents/guardian and school authorities to be admitted to the test centre.

How will I know if I was selected?

Aptitude Test results will be available online within 3 working days from the test date. Applicants who qualify to the top 50 will also be notified through email/phone.

What happens when I am selected?

The 50 applicants chosen for the Preliminaries of Pathbreakers should attend **The Brief** conducted by the producers of the show. Time, date and venue will be notified individually through email/phone.

What happens at The Brief?

At **The Brief** all contestants will be given detailed information about the show including its format, rules, production schedule and terms & conditions. Contestants are advised to attend **The Brief** with parents/guardian to complete necessary formalities. Attendance is compulsory for every contestant.

When will shooting take place?

Shoots will take place ONLY during weekends. Further details with schedules to be provided at **The Brief**.

Where will these shoots happen?

All shoots will take place in prominent locations within the city limits of Colombo. Further details with direction maps to be provided at **The Brief**.

How long will a shoot take?

Maximum of 8 hours a day. Weekly schedules will be provided for each episode.

Can my parents accompany me to the shoots?

Each applicant is allowed to be accompanied by one parent/guardian for the shoots. However, for technical and safety reasons, the accompanying parent or guardian will NOT be permitted to enter the set during filming.

Only the Grand Showdown will accommodate a live audience on set. Contestants who qualify for the final episode will be given a limited number of invites for seats in the audience.

What will I be wearing for the shoots?

Details on the dress code will be provided at **The Brief**.

Who should I contact to know more about this show?

Contact Rozanne Berenger on (011) 5679617

(Phone line open for queries on weekdays from 9.00am- 12.00noon)

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