

The 2026 Chennai Mathematical Institute Scavenger Hunt List

The CMI Scavenger Hunt Organization Committee

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SCAV TEAMS AND THE RULES OF THE HUNT

1. Items. All Items on the List can and should be obtained and performed legally. The Judges take no responsibility for participants whose actions (and reactions) land them in hot water, deep shit, and/or the doghouse. Be aware that doing Items nude when it's not explicitly asked for will not get you more points, nor will involving alcohol in Items that don't clearly call for alcohol. The same goes for their redheaded step-cousins, sex and drugs. Lastly, we don't like to harm creatures that can make sad eyes at us, so please treat any non-humans involved in your Items with extreme care.
2. Fair Play. Sabotage is bad. Sabotaging teams or their Items can lead to immediate disqualification, and we may even let loose the hounds of the Administration on you.
3. Contact with Judges. Judges may respond to inquiries as needed, but don't expect us to just hand out all the answers. Please only communicate with the Judges if you are going to do so in a civil manner. Generally, just remember that the more people shout, the less will be understood. That seems like it makes sense, no?
4. Judgement Day. Judgment Day starts on Sunday at 10:30 p.m. with the Showcase Items. Everything else follows right after.

Much like the version in the Bible, Judgment Day should technically only take about 45 minutes. However, Scav is essentially Hell, so be prepared to wait. To make things go faster:


- Have a highlighted list of everything you've actually done.
- Arrange the things you have in a logical order
- In general, be organized.

If you have something massive or stationary, you can use your request us to visit you elsewhere, but do that sparingly.

5. Points. Point totals are final. We ask for awesome things, you do awesome things, and we give you Full Points.

If you go absolutely nuclear—like if we ask for a car and you bring us the bat mobile, we might give you one or two special points.

As for how we value items? We use a sophisticated mix of a dice, punching each other and Tibetan numerology. Do not complain that the "lazy eye patch" was worth more than your "functional moonbounce made of guns."

6. Digital Items If an item has a floppy disk symbol () next to it, it's a digital item. Upload it to the Google Drive Folder by 9:00 p.m. on Monday (the 26th).



Crucial: Name your files exactly like this: "ITEM INDEX - TEAM NAME". If you don't, we're not hunting for it.

7. Decisions. All decisions of the Judges are final.
8. Final. See decisions.





SHOWCASE

1. Could you be wearing any more clothes?
One of the team member must wear as many pieces of clothing as they can when they come for the Judgment. [2 points per apparel, 30-20-10 bonus if your team has the most, 2nd most, 3rd most]
2. One of the things we really need in life is good food that can be made in the microwave.
Cook and bring a single dish made in the CMI Common Room microwave. It should be enough that others team can taste it. Every team votes for their favorite other than their own. [2 points per vote, 30-20-10 bonus if your team has the most, 2nd most, 3rd most votes]

ITEMS

1. A copy of the CMI-Tessellate Scav Hunt 2026 List [1 point]
2. Get a Prof to make a
 - Play a Sport with you [50 points] 
 - Make a Dance Reel with you [100 points] 


Every Professor will only count once. So you better hurry.

3. Make an online dating profile and get one of your matches to come on campus [true love + 50 points, bonus if they can be there during judgement day]  (profile, match confirmation and photo on campus)
4. A photo of an IIT M student wearing a Tessellate T-Shirt, at IIT M (must be holding a sign saying "go {your team name}") [20 points]
5. Documentary style video of your team during the Scav [1 point for 30 secs of footage, bounded at 50 points] 
6. We don't have photographers! Help photograph other Tessellate events [2 point per unique photo, bounded 50 points]
7. Get warm, cooked food from as far as possible [1 point per 5 km]
8. Books written by CMI Profs, Alumini or students [1 point per book]
9. Video of kicking a football into the basketball hoop [3 points per teammate doing this] 
10. Start a new Instagram account [1 point per 50 follower on this account, bound by 200 points]
11. Get 7 Tessellate T-Shirts. Each in different Size and Design. [20 points]
12. Hagaromo Chalk [3 points]
13. Ummm,... Your Mom [10 points]
14. The person who hacked CMI website [Narayan's eternal gratitude + 1000 points]
15. Something belonging to Prof C Sheshadri aka the founder of this collage [100 points]
16. A video of your team performing a Carnatic rendition of a popular pop song [40 points] 
17. Solution to an open problem [500 points]
18. Get a tattoo [50 points, bonus points if it is silly or interesting]

19. Make your Team Name in Origami [20 points]
20. A geniuently annoyed picture of Ryan's face [😞 points]
21. Click Photos with CMI clocks with one of your team member touching it. (Library clock will not be counted) [5 points per clock, -30 if we find out the library was disturbed]
22. A piece of clothing with the entire English Alphabet on it [26 points]
23. Find us an item that has expired for the longest time. [0.5 points per month]
24. You'll get the points for this list item if you win a Tessellate Event. Except the Scav Hunt. We don't want any paradoxes. [20 points]
25. ... or do we? [paradoxical points]
26. A UFO [🛸👁️👋 points]
27. A B.A.G.E.L [20 points]
28. A shopping bag from a shop in Chennai with the address of the shop printed on it. This address will be used to calculate the distance. [0.8 points/kilometer]
29. Let's see how much you travel. Find for us tickets of from the following list dated before 23rd January.
 - A Local Bus Ticket [5 points]
 - A Normal Bus Ticket of a TNSRTC bus [5 points]
 - A Metro Ticket [5 points]
 - Local Train Ticket [5 points]
 - Platform Ticket [5 points]
30. A Book with a word that appears twice on the cover pages but not once inside. [100 points]
31. Pick your favorite STEM related theorem, and turn its proof into an original poem [20 points, -40 if AI detected]
32. Fruit Juice Mocktail: Order 4 different fruit juices from the mess, mix them up to get one glass of mocktail and drink up! [10 points. $\epsilon > 0$ extra points if you get it to one of the judges and they like it]
33. Smallest Occurrence of the CMI logo that you can find on a non-paper object [50/length in millimeters points]
34. Build your team a fort in the Audi Foyer [secure, stable and comfortable amount of points]

35. Gimme ALL the Chocolate!! ONE chocolate bar with as many different kinds/brands of chocolate as possible. The distinction should be clear. [2 points per component]
36. Find someone from CMI with a huge amount of time spent on a STEAM Game [0.1 point/hour]
37. One of those old video game CDs [20 points]
38. Take a round of the Campus while going through as many modes of transportation as you can. Each mode must be maintained for at least 10 meters/5 seconds. [5 * modes points]
39. Propose a CMI TCG where you have cards corresponding to Professors full with special abilities, type charts, rarity classes and whatnot. Make at least one full card with an epic picture of the professor on it. [Mythic legendary gold foiled rare points for you. Bonus based on details]
40. Someone with an actual Handlebar moustache [15 points]
41. Someone with an actual Handlebar for a moustache [is this a duplicate?]
42. A functional electronic device which is older than you [30 points]
43. The 1000 cranes put the campus almost in a cult like trance. Make a website convincing others that this was an actual cult and it's background. [10 points, bonus points if it implicates one of the origami club heads] 📄
44. Secret Scav Phrases [20/(no. of teams that submit that phrase) per phrase secret points]
Each of the pre-registered teams will receive a Secret Scav Phrase and they are required to share the phrase with two CMI student outside their team on each day of Tessellate and provide evidence of the information being shared. Failing to do so, the value of the phrased is reduced to null. (Semi-📄. The proofs of transfer need to be uploaded)
45. Get media to take notice of CMI [10 if it is another collage's media, 20 if it is a local media, 50 if it is a state media, 100 if it is national media and 500 if it is BBC]
46. You may be following Serena Williams, but does she follow you? Get a grand-slam tennis player to follow you back [100 * grand-slam wins points]
47. An recording of you calling up your dad and saying that you love mom more, like way, way, way more. [dad is sad points per team member who does this] 📄
48. Tessellate Poster in: Delhi, Bombay, Surat, New York, Tokyo, London, Antarctica [5 * F_i points per city] 📄
49. Cook us maggi using the heat from a computer. [2 minute mein points]

50. A signed letter of recommendation for your team written by a cleaning staff member or security guard. Bonus points if you actually submit it. [10 points, upto 50 bonus if you submit based on where you submitted]
51. The Time Capsule: Bring us an item from:
 - The year 2010 [10 points]
 - The year 2000 [20 points]
 - The year 1990 [30 points]
 - The year 1800 [Wait, what? 100 points]
52. Bring us a purely aesthetic leaf. Just a really, really nice leaf. [10 points]
53. Reenact a famous physics experiment using only items found in a hostel room. Submit a lab report. [20 points]
54. Put up a QR code somewhere on campus that links to "Never Gonna Give You Up." It must be scanned by at least 5 non-participants. [5 + people who scanned it, max of 20 (make sure this is verifiable)]
55. 4 team members sit on each other's knees in a circle such that no one is touching the ground with their butt. Must hold for 30 seconds. [30 points] 📺
56. A "wine tasting" video review of water from three different coolers on campus. Describe the "notes," "mouthfeel," and "terroir" of the water. [exquisite, clear and quenching amount of points] 📺
57. A wildlife style video exploring the washrooms of CMI and finding the good ones. [length in minutes/10 + washrooms explored points, bounded by 50] 📺
58. A photo of a team member holding a framed photo of a team member holding a framed photo of a team member holding a [Stack overflow points] 📺
59. bottled up fame, brewed up glory and a stopper for death [50 points each]
60. A physical ticket stub from a movie released before 2016. [2+0+16 points]
61. A note where the last 6-8 digits of the serial number are the date of birth of one of your team members [30 points]
62. Create a "CMI Alignment Chart" (Lawful Good to Chaotic Evil) using actual professors and TAs. [5 points, bonus if it is funny and/or features the judges] 📺
63. Buy a soul (we need the official paper work) [15 points]
64. TBA [TBA points]

65. Design a T-Shirt for your team and get it delivered before the Judgement day. [10 points, $\epsilon > 0$ bonus if you save one for us, $\delta > 0$ bonus if the design can be used for Tessellate/STEMS]
66. A tribute for the paper recycling club [1 point per kg, bounded by 10 points]
67. A long-exposure photograph that makes a team member look like a transparent ghost haunting the Audi foyer. [30 points] 
68. Certificate proving you have donated blood (between 23-26th) [loads of love and good wishes + 50 points]
69. Nice [nice points]