C**hildhood**

I am from a place named Pattazhy which is sandwiched between the Pathanamthitta and Kollam district but I spent most of my childhood in the capital city of Thiruvananthapuram

**Family**

My family consist of my mother Leena James, a nursing tutor by profession, my father James P V, a surveyor by profession both work for the Kerala Government and my brother Aloke P James who is pursuing BTech In Civil Engineering from Mar Baselios Institute of Technology and Science, Kothamangalam.

**Schooling**

I had to change between various schools in my fourteen years of education. KG to 1st Std and again from 6th Grade to 12th Grade at Navajeevan Bethany Vidyalaya, Nalanchira, Thiruvananthapuram. In between from 2nd grade to 5th grade, I studied at Thapovan Public School, Manakala, Adoor.

**College**

I am currently perusing my Bachelors in Physics at St Berchamns College, Changanaserry and hoping to pursue a career in research.

**First Quiz as a participant**

Inter School Science Quiz conducted at Christ Nagar Central School, Kowdiar, Trivandrum, while I was in 8th grade and with gods, grace finished as the 2nd runners up.

**Notable Quizzes won**

I am part of the SB College team which finished as the 2nd runners up of the MG University Kalolsavam 2019. A former champion of the world space week school quiz conducted by ISRO and also a winner of many major science and physics quizzes conducted by colleges across Kerala.

**Tryst with Quiz Mastering**

I love to be the one to ask questions as much as love to be in the hot seat. My first experience as a quiz master was when I was in 8th Grade and hosted an inter-club maths quiz then again an Inter-School Quiz as part of my school fest El Concurso. Nowadays I host the inter-department science quizzes at my college, quizzes as part of IQuiz Informals and I am proud to have been invited to host the inter-house quiz at my school (Navajeevan Bethany Vidyalaya, Nalanchira)

**Specializations**

Even though I take part in general quizzes I am more into Science quizzes, if it’s a space quiz that’s a jackpot.

**Quizzes lost**

In general, I have lost more than I have one, as the popular saying goes failure are the stepping stones to success and I have learned a lot from those. As far as science quizzes are concerned, I am proud to have excellent winning streaks.

**Notable partners**

Partners from my school Sreehari K (Bs-Ms at IISC Bangalore), Milan Mathew Varghese (Btech in Electronics & Communication, SCT) with whom I still pair. Partners from my college are Manujith A (BSc Physics, SB College), Manisha A, Akhil Thomas Panicker (Research Scholar, CUSAT) and Femy Raju (Guest lecturer, St Berchmans College)

**Favourite Quizzing events that you participate regularly**

I try to be part of the I Quiz Trivandrum informals, whenever I am there. Reveberate quiz festival is one such event I really admire.

**Favourite Quiz Masters**

I was a huge fan of Arjun R Shankar Quizzes during my school days. When it comes to Science Quizzes its Dr Tharanath Ramachandar, Assistant Professor, Aquinas College, Edacochin

**Your concept of a good Quiz**

In my opinion, quizzes should be more about sharing and spreading knowledge as an entertaining exercise, if it’s fun and you learn something new then that’s a good quiz.

**Changes in Quizzing**

Quizzes were seen as all about rot learning and memorising some facts, I am glad it's changing. A proper quiz as of today is about deducing the answers from the clues and working out the answer. It's more about understanding what you know than about learning facts by heart.

**Books & Websites**

I generally use inshorts app as my daily dose of news and current affairs, when it comes to the latest in science, I use nature.com and sciencealert.com as sources. Books by Yuval Noah Harari, APJ Abdul Kalam and fictional works by Dan Brown are right there at the top.