

INTRODUCTION

The Illuminati Quiz returns with its 18th edition, continuing its legacy as one of the region's most prestigious annual quizzing events. Organised by the Illuminati Quiz Club of Government Model Engineering College, Kochi, TIQ brings together sharp young minds for a rigorous and engaging battle of knowledge, conducted by Major Chandrakant Nair, a renowned quizmaster and a highly respected figure on the Indian quizzing circuit, and we welcome participants to be part of this celebration of curiosity, competition, and quizzing excellence.

Date: 3rd January 2026

Venue: IMA House, Kaloor

Time: 9:00 AM

CATEGORIES

- **School** – Open to students from Classes IX to XII
- **College** – Open to students from colleges and universities
- **Open** – Open to working professionals and employees of organisations

GENERAL RULES

- All participants must carry a valid institutional or organisational ID and produce it at the venue upon request.
- Team details are final upon registration; no substitutions or team changes will be permitted.
- Use of electronic devices during the quiz is prohibited unless explicitly allowed by the quizmaster.
- Any form of unfair means, misconduct, or disruption will result in immediate disqualification.
- Teams must report at the venue at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Late arrivals may be denied entry at the organisers' discretion.

- The quizmaster's and organisers' decisions are final and binding in all matters related to the quiz.

FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Registration Link: <http://dub.sh/tiq-school-registration>
- Open to students from Classes X to XII
- Registration is completely free
- Each team must consist of exactly two members
- Cross-category teams are not permitted
- Cross-school teams are not permitted; both participants must be from the same school
- Any accompanying persons must inform the organisers in advance
- Participants must carry a valid school ID to be presented at the time of registration
- The School Category carries a total prize pool of ₹10,000.

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS CATEGORY/OPEN CATEGORY

- Registration Link: <http://dub.sh/register-tiq>
- Each team must consist of exactly two members
- Cross-institution teams are permitted within the College categories
- Cross-category teams are not permitted
- Any cross-category team will be considered under the Open category
- Multiple team registrations by a participant are not allowed
- College students must carry a valid school ID to be presented at the time of registration
- The Open/College category Final Round will carry a total prize pool of ₹45,000

QUIZ STRUCTURE

The quiz will be conducted in two rounds:

Round 1: Preliminary Round

- The Preliminary Round will be common to all categories.
- Based on scores, the top 6 teams overall will qualify directly for the Final Round.
- From the remaining teams, all School and College teams will be pooled together, and the top 3 teams overall will be shortlisted.
- The six members from these shortlisted teams ($3 \text{ teams} \times 2 \text{ members}$) will be randomly redistributed among the six finalist teams through a lot-drawing process.
- As a result, the Final Round will consist of 6 teams, each comprising 3 members.

Round 2: Final Round

- The Final Round will be contested by the six reconstituted teams formed as described above.
- The Open/College category Final Round will carry a total prize pool of ₹45,000.

School Category Prizes

- If a School-category team does not qualify for the Final Round, prizes will be awarded based on their performance in the preliminary round.
- The top three School-category teams will receive a total prize pool of ₹10,000, distributed among First, Second, and Third place.