

Event Report: 18th Edition of The Illuminati Quiz

Date : 3rd January 2026

Time : 9:00AM - 6:00PM

Location : IMA House, Kaloor

Quiz Master : Major. Chandrakant Nair

Faculty In-Charge : Maria Vijoy

Speakers : Joe George, Duleep Menon, Harry Abraham, Nijil Joseph, M
B Sruthi

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Havells

Winning Teams – Open Category

I. First Place

- A. Abid
Abdulla
- B. Gokul S C.
Nadeem

II. Second Place

- A. Jayakanthan B.
Preetam
- C. Kiran Tyson

III. Third Place

- A. Raamanujan
- B. Reitesh
- C. Sreehari

Winning Teams – School Category

I. First Place

- A. Kiran Tyson
- B. Nakul A R

II. Second Place

- A. Saarang L V
- B. Aman B Manoj

III. Third Place

A. Ishaan R Menon

B. Niranjan Sekhar

Number of Participants : 110

ABOUT :

The 18th edition of The Illuminati Quiz, a flagship quizzing event organized by the students of Government Model Engineering College, was conducted successfully on 3rd January 2026, carrying forward the rich legacy envisioned by its founder, the Late Mr. Sandeep Menon. Designed as an inclusive quizzing platform for school students, college students, and working professionals, the event continued to celebrate curiosity, critical thinking, and academic excellence across age groups and disciplines.

This year's edition was made possible through the generous and continued support of our Title Sponsor, ANSYS, whose association with The Illuminati Quiz now spans 18 years, marking a truly enduring partnership. Their long-standing commitment has played a pivotal role in sustaining the scale, quality, and legacy of the event.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our Banking Partner, Bank of Maharashtra, for their valuable support and collaboration. As part of the partnership, promotional advertisements for the Bank of Maharashtra were played during the event, providing visibility and engagement with the audience while contributing to the event's professional conduct.

We also gratefully acknowledge Havells, our T-shirt Sponsor, for their enthusiastic support. A dedicated Havells stall was set up at the venue, and promotional advertisements for Havells were played during the event. The official event T-shirts, sponsored by Havells, further added to the identity and visual coherence of The Illuminati Quiz.

We further express our heartfelt appreciation to The Sandeep Menon Foundation for their unwavering encouragement and continued association, which remains central to the spirit, vision, and enduring purpose of The Illuminati Quiz.

The event was made even more special by the esteemed presence of Sandeep Menon's parents, Dr. Girijanandan Menon and Mrs. Hemalatha Menon, whose steadfast support added profound meaning to the occasion. Joining them was Sandeep's brother, Mr. Duleep Menon, alongside our dynamic quizmaster, Major Chandrakant Nair, who infused the event with his signature energy and sharp intellect.

The event formally commenced with an inaugural function, setting a dignified tone for the 18th edition of The Illuminati Quiz. The proceedings began with the Welcome Address by the

Chairperson of The Illuminati Quiz Club, Mr. Joe George, followed by a traditional lamp lighting ceremony by the dignitaries present. An address honouring the legacy of the Late Mr. Sandeep Menon was delivered by Mr. Duleep Menon, representing the Sandeep Menon family. This was followed by a brief history of The Illuminati Quiz presented by Mr. Harry Abraham, the Publicity Head of TIQ, and the Secretary's Report delivered by Mr. Nijil Joseph, Secretary of The Illuminati Quiz. The inaugural ceremony concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Ms. M. B. Sruthi, Vice Chairperson, after which the proceedings were formally handed over to the quizmaster, Major Chandrakant Nair, marking the commencement of the competition.

The quiz witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 61 teams, reflecting its growing reach and reputation among the quizzing community. The competition was conducted in two rounds, with the forenoon session dedicated to the written preliminary round. The prelims presented a rigorous intellectual challenge, following which eight teams from the Open Category and four teams from the combined School and College Category emerged as finalists.

The preliminary round saw an exceptional performance by school teams, with a school team topping the combined School and College category, a significant highlight of this year's edition. The quiz was conducted under the expert stewardship of Major Chandrakant Nair, whose engaging style and incisive questioning sustained a high level of enthusiasm and competitiveness throughout the event.

The finals, held in the latter half of the day, proved to be an intense and closely contested affair. Adding to the distinction of this year's competition, one of the school participants was part of the team that secured the second position in the finals, a rare and commendable achievement that underscored the rising standard of quizzing at the school level.

The event concluded with the announcement of the winning teams across categories. In the Open Category, the First Place was secured by the team comprising Abid Abdulla, Gokul S, and Nadeem, whose consistent performance and sharp recall set them apart throughout the competition. In the School Category, the First Place was claimed by Kiran Tyson and Nakul A R, whose outstanding showing further highlighted the remarkable strength of school-level participation in this year's edition of the quiz.

In retrospect, the 18th edition of The Illuminati Quiz stood as a testament to the enduring spirit of quizzing and the collective efforts of sponsors, participants, and organizers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to the successful conduct of the event and look forward to many more editions that continue to uphold the legacy of knowledge, curiosity, and excellence associated with The Illuminati Quiz.

CORE TEAM:

Sl No.	Name	Designation
1.	Joe George	Chairperson
2.	M B Sruthi	Vice Chairperson
3.	Nijil Joseph	Secretary
4.	Arjun V Kaimal	Treasurer
5.	Kezia Maria	Content Head
6.	Amithesh K	Design Head
7.	Athul P K	Event Head
8.	John Thomas	Initiative Head
9.	Harry Zacharia	Publicity Head
10.	Zayan Naazim	Quiz Master

GALLERY :







