

## Inter School Quiz on Earthquake Tips

The National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) at IIT Kanpur conducts outreach activities to promote seismic safety in India. One of its initiatives is an annual interschool quiz competition that started in 2009. The final round of the quiz was held on January 20, 2025.

The quiz is based on the NICEE publication called IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips, by Prof. CVR Murty. It contains simple tips on making buildings safe from earthquakes. The tips are available at <http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php>.



**Participants of the final round held on January 20, 2025**

The quiz consists of four rounds, namely Round Robin, Picture Round, Rapid Fire Round, and Lucky Number Round. Seven schools participated in the final round, namely Delhi Public School, Agra; Sheiling House School, Kanpur; Birla Vidya Niketan, New Delhi; Blue Bells Model School, Gurugram; Nehru World School, Ghaziabad; Gwalior Glory High School, Gwalior; and Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan's Prism School, Satna.

The Gwalior Glory High School, Gwalior team won first place, with Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan's Prism School, Satna and Sheiling House School, Kanpur taking second and third place, respectively. All participating teams received participation certificates from Prof. Durgesh C. Rai. Prof. Rai expressed gratitude to the schools for taking part in the quiz and underscored the importance of educating young minds about earthquake safety. He emphasized that educating young minds about earthquake risks can help create awareness in the community and lead to effective damage mitigation strategies.



**Winners of the final held on January 20, 2025 – Gwalior Glory High School, Gwalior**

The quiz was conducted by the NICEE team, which included Cdr. Suresh Ailawadi (Retd.), Mr. Shivesh Pandey, Ms. Shradha Shukla, and Mr. Moti Lal. Cdr. Ailawadi thanked the participants, teachers, principals, parents, authorities of IIT Kanpur, the Department of Civil Engineering, the Visitors Hostel, and the Outreach Auditorium for their support of the event.

This is an annual event of NICEE and is being conducted for the sixteenth year in a row. The schools are approached in the month of March and schools showing willingness to participate are given 50 copies of the publication for distribution to interested students from whom the schools can select their team of four students.

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