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उच्च एवं तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग

(तकनीकी शिक्षा निदेशालय)

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प्रेषक,

डॉ० सुनील कुमार,
उप निदेशक।

सेवा में,

कुलसचिव,
झारखण्ड प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय।

निदेशक / प्राचार्य
सभी अभियंत्रण महाविद्यालय (राजकीय, निजी एवं पी०पी०पी० मोड)।

प्राचार्य / प्रभारी प्राचार्य
सभी पोलिटेकनिक संस्थान (राजकीय, निजी एवं पी०पी०पी० मोड)।

विषय:- उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में क्रॉसवर्ड-सॉल्विंग संस्कृति लाने के संबंध में।

प्रसंग:- ई-मेल से प्राप्त पत्र दिनांक-07.06.2024

महोदय,

निदेशानुसार उपर्युक्त विषय के संबंध में कहना है कि प्रासंगिक पत्र के माध्यम से सूचित किया गया है कि उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में क्रॉसवर्ड-सॉल्विंग संस्कृति लाने एवं राष्ट्रीय इंटर-कॉलेज क्रॉसवर्ड अभियान (NICE) आयोजित करने के लिए AICTE, Extra-C, IIM Mumbai, IIT Madras ने दिनांक-21.05.2024 को समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किया है। MoU की प्रति AICTE की वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध किया गया है। एक राष्ट्रीय इंटर-कॉलेज क्रॉसवर्ड अभियान (NICE) के माध्यम से, एक प्रतियोगिता जिसमें क्रिप्टिक क्रॉसवर्ड को हल करना शामिल है। यह संभावित जून-सितंबर 2024 के बीच आयोजित होने वाला है और यह ऑनलाइन और ऑफलाइन दोनों माध्यमों से आयोजित किया जाएगा।

अनुरोध है कि अपने संस्थान के छात्र/छात्राओं में क्रॉसवर्ड-सॉल्विंग संस्कृति लाने हेतु आवेदन समर्पित करने के लिए प्रेरित किया जाय।

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(भारत सरकार का एक सांविधिक निकाय)
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To

All Vice Chancellors of Technical Universities and
All Directors/ Principals of AICTE Approved Institutions,

Subject: National Inter-College Crossword Expedition 2024 (NICE-24).

Respected Sir/Madam,

Crosswords have a proven track record of being an excellent learning tool and at the same time providing a fun-filled pastime. It is one exercise which comes with multiple benefits which Enhances Logical Reasoning, Strengthens Memory, Stimulates Problem-Solving Skills, Sharpens Focus and Concentration, Enhances Lateral Thinking and Creativity, ensures a Decision-Making Bent of Mind, Provides a Sense of Accomplishment, Builds Confidence, Enables You to Take Challenges, Augments Your Vocabulary

At a time when the job market is getting increasingly competitive, all the above together are a sine qua non of building a bright career. Introduced in India in 2013 in competitive formats across different levels, solving cryptic crosswords has become not only a popular pastime but also a mental training aid for thousands of students, professionals and even empty nesters.

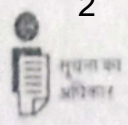
In order to bring about the crossword-solving culture in the institutes of higher education AICTE, Extra-C, IIM Mumbai, IIT Madras have entered into MoU on 21.05.2024 and it has been decided to hold National Inter-College Crossword Expedition (NICE) (copy of MoU is available on AICTE website) through a **National Inter-College Crossword Expedition (NICE)**, a contest involving solving of cryptic crossword clues. It is scheduled to be held between **June- September 2024** and it will be conducted through both online (initial rounds) and offline modes (zonal and national rounds).

The detailed guidelines/format for NICE 2024 and the tentative schedule of various rounds is attached at Annexure. *We deeply value your time and engagement.*
With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mamta
27 May 24

(Dr. Mamta Rani Agarwal)



ANNEXURE

GUIDELINES/FORMAT FOR NICE 2024

Registrations

- Students of all recognized colleges/universities of India are eligible to participate in NICE 24
- Eligible students may Register for the contest on www.crypticsingh.com Those students who had registered for NICE and are still studying, don't need to register afresh. While their username would remain the same, they would be allotted fresh password for 2024.
- Username and password will appear on the screen after successful registration and will be emailed. The login credentials sent may be used for all the online rounds.
- Heads of colleges/universities with over 100 registrants for NICE 24 till 30th June 2024 will get a 'NICE Roll of Honour' certificate from the organisers.
- The heads of institutions with the highest registrations, as on 30th June 2024, in each of the five zones will receive a 'NICE Star Promoter' plaque and a certificate.

Online Rounds:

- There would be one online Practice Round to familiarize the students with the types of questions/clues and the pattern of the contest.
- After the Practice Round, there would be four competitive online rounds, christened as N, I, C, E Rounds, respectively.
- The rounds will involve solving five crossword clues with supplementary hints, which will be posted at 1030 Hours IST on every Sunday on nice.crypticsingh.com or on android app NICE (NICE-2024)
- The solutions will have to be submitted by 1700 Hours IST on the same day.
- Every Online Round will have two sets of winners, viz., NICE Round (N/I/C/E) Winners and NICE Lucky Winners.
- NICE Round (N/I/C/E) Winners would be decided on the basis of the points won by students based on speed and accuracy. The student with the fastest all correct solutions will be awarded 1000 points. The scores will move in a descending order based on the time taken and correctness of the solutions.
- There would be National and Zonal NICE Leaderboard for each of the Online Rounds which would be posted on nice.crypticsingh.com. A cumulative individual score of all the participants for the Online Rounds will be used for making the Final Leaderboard after the completion of the Online Rounds.
- The national winner of any of the Online Rounds will automatically qualify for the National Finals. The zonal winner of any of the Online Rounds, will automatically qualify for the Zonal Finals. The top 3 national and zonal position holders, in each of the rounds will receive the NICE Star Performer certificates and plaques.
- Every Online Round will have NICE Lucky Winners from the Top 50 institutions participating in the contest. Only those institutions, which have at least 25 participants, would be eligible for the NICE Lucky prizes. These winners, dubbed as N, I, C, E Lucky winners, would be given NICE Sporting Spirit certificates by the organisers.

Zonal Rounds:

- There would be five zones, viz., North, South, West, East and Northeast. The Zonal Finals will be held offline. Top 50 participants from each zone after the online rounds will qualify for the zonal-level competition. The top 50 participants will have the option to form teams of two among themselves or from a chosen partner from the same institute. The eligible participants will also have the option to represent their institution individually. Each college/HEI can have a maximum of five teams (a maximum of two participants each) eligible for the zonal round. The zonal round would consist of two stages: Preliminary and On- Stage (or Zonal Finals) in each zone. The zonal round qualifier will face a written prelims after which the top six teams will

proceed to the On Stage Final Round.

- The top three teams would qualify from each Zone for the National Finals to be held in Delhi in August-September. The Grand Finale may also have Wild Card entries of the winners of City-level and Institutional level crossword contests, and any other outstanding team which could not participate in the Online Rounds/Zonal finals for a valid reason. The decision regarding Wild Card entries taken by the organisers Extra, would be final and binding.

National Round

- The final round will begin with a Written Prelims and an On-stage Qualifying Round where all the qualifying teams will participate. The quarter-finalists would be selected on the basis of the scores of the Written round and the On-stage Qualifying Round. The Quarter Final, Semi-Final and the Final of the Grand Finale would be held subsequently. The National Round would be designed to make it telecast/webcast compatible.

PRIZES & CERTIFICATES

- The winning team of the National Round will receive a cash prize of Rs 25,000. Team members will also receive certificates and trophies.
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- The winning team members of the Zonal Finals will receive trophies and certificates.
- All participants will receive certificates of participation.
- Heads of Institutions will also have special prizes and certificates, as mentioned earlier.

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The tentative schedule for the Online Rounds, including the Practice Round, is tentatively as follows:

NICE 2024 Online Stages' Schedule (Tentative)			
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