

Inter School Quiz on Earthquake Tips

National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) at IIT Kanpur conducted the final round of the inter school quiz competition on Earthquake Tips on 26 Jan 2016 at Outreach Auditorium, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Kanpur. The preliminary rounds of the quiz were conducted in Ahmedabad, Faridabad, Jabalpur, Kanpur, Ludhiana, Modasa and Nagpur.

NICEE was established in IIT Kanpur in 1999 with the mandate to empower all stakeholders in the building industry in seismic safety towards ensuring an earthquake resistant built environment. NICEE maintains and disseminates information resources on Earthquake Engineering. It undertakes community outreach activities aimed at mitigation of earthquake disasters. NICEE's target audience includes professionals, academics and all others with an interest in and concern for seismic safety.

To spread the message of seismic safety, NICEE always felt an urge to include school children, who are the future builders of the country, in the activity of furthering this cause towards ensuring an earthquake resistant built environment in the country. This year there was an overwhelming response from the schools for registering for the quiz. 80 schools from 29 cities showed their willingness to participate in the quiz this year. The registering schools were given 50 copies of "Earthquake Tips" by Dr. CVR Murty, to be used for selecting a team of four participants from each school from Class VIII to Class XI.



Winners of the quiz- St. Paul's Senior Secondary School, Mathura

In the final round of the quiz on 26 January, 10 schools - who were the winners of their respective preliminary rounds, viz. Shieling House School, Kanpur; Faridabad Model School, Faridabad; St. Paul's Senior Secondary School, Mathura; SRS School Valsad; St. Mary's Convent School, Faridkot; St. Gabriel's Senior Secondary School, Jabalpur; City Pride School, Pune; Siddharth Public School, Himmatnagar and Prarthana Global School, Modasa participated.

The quiz had four rounds viz. Round Robin, Picture Round, Rapid Fire Round and Lucky number Round. The questions were based on the publication "Earthquake Tips" by Dr. CVR Murty. The winning team from St. Paul's Senior Secondary School, Mathura scored 87 points. Shieling House School, Kanpur and St. Gabriel's Senior Secondary School, Jabalpur came second and third respectively scoring 79 points and 78 points.



Runners-up of the quiz- Shieling House School, Kanpur

After the quiz, Prof. Durgesh C. Rai explained the nitty-gritty's of earthquake and its mitigation to the participants of the quiz. He expressed his surprise over the grasp of the subject which was shown by the participants while answering the questions posed to them during the quiz. He also gave an insight on the observations after the recent Imphal Earthquake.

Cdr Suresh Ailawadi, Retd., thanked the participants their parent, teachers and principal for allowing them to participate in the quiz and making the event a grand success.

The preliminary round of the quiz at Jabalpur was conducted by Prof. Rajiv Khatri and his team, at Ludhiana by Prof. HS Rai and his team, at Nagpur by Prof. OR Jaiswal and

Prof. Ratnesh Kumar and their team, at Modasa by Prof. CS Sanghvi and his team whilst at Gandhinagar by Prof. Amit Prashant and his team. NICEE takes pride in the efforts put in by them and their support teams, and acknowledges with gratitude their unstinted support to NICEE activities.



Preliminary Round of Quiz at Faridabad

This is an annual event of NICEE and has been conducted consecutively for the seventh year since 2009-10. 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. For further details and queries, if any, please contact, Suresh Ailawadi, Consultant, NICEE at 9450162502 or e-mail at asuresh@iitk.ac.in.