

National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering

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## QUIZ ON EARTHQUAKE TIPS

- 1. NICEE was established in IIT Kanpur 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.
- 2. A need has been felt for long to include school children, who are the future builders of the country, in this activity so that the mandate of NICEE is inculcated at the grass root level. As an initial step in this direction, an inter school quiz based on Earthquake Tips by Dr. CVR Murty was conducted on 13 July 2009. Four students of class XI took part from every participating school.
- 3. Enthused by the success of the quiz conducted on 13 Jul 2009 and the willingness of the school authorities to participate in such events, it is now held as an annual event of NICEE with its scope of coverage being increased every year. The registering schools are given 50 copies of "Earthquake Tips" which can be used for selecting a team of four participants from each school from Class VII to Class XI. After the preliminary rounds which are held during August to November each year, the final round of the quiz is held on 26 January of the next year.
- 4. A nominal registration fee of Rs. 500/- per institute is charged. The registration fee can be paid by cash or through a cheque/ DD payable to "National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering' payable at Kanpur, along with the attached form. An official receipt for the same is issued from NICEE. Attractive cash prizes are given to the finalists.
- 5. The preliminary round consists of 4 rounds viz. Round Robin, Picture Round, Rapid Fire Round and Lucky number round. The questions are based on the information available in the "Earthquake Tips" supplied to the schools. All the rounds are oral rounds with the question's beings displayed on a screen through a LCD projector. A team is given 60 seconds to answer a direct question and 30 seconds to answer a passed question.