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PRESS NOTE

NEQ 2018 draws to a close with Sunday Grand Finale

The National Elections Quiz 2018 registering a participation of 13, 63,982 participants from 38, 160 schools thereby laying claim to the feat of being the World's Largest Inter-School Quiz on Elections, concluded on 11th March in a Grand Finale in which the 2018 trophy was lifted by Madhur Jain and Aditya Kumar from DPS, Ranchi, Jharkhand. The 1st and the 2nd Runners-Up positions were respectively sealed by the team from St. Patrick Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Puducherry represented by V. Vishnu Priya and R. Mithun Krishna and the team from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Senapati, Manipur represented by Shangker Singh Laishram and Ashmaan Mainali .

The 7 episodes comprising the Zonals and the Grand Finale of NEQ 2018 was telecast on Rajya Sabha Television. The finale episode was also live-streamed on Facebook India. The 7-episode series that premiered on the National Voters' Day (25th January, 2018) had an hour-long Finale episode, featuring a special grid round and backstories of the contenders, that witnessed a contest between the 6 Zonal Winners- Manipur, Puducherry, Goa, Delhi, Jharkhand and Jammu & Kashmir.

Anchored by renowned Quiz Master- Vikram Joshi, the NEQ 2018 carried a cash of Rs 1, 00,000 as the Grand Prize. The 1st and the 2nd Runners-Up positions carried a cash prize of Rs 80,000 and Rs 60,000 respectively. The other 3 Finalists also took home a cash purse worth Rs 50,000.

Covering the length and breadth of the country, National Elections Quiz 2018 began in November, 2017. The National Rounds were preceded by Intra-School, District and State Rounds which were conducted by the Schools, District Election Officers and Chief Electoral Officers. Including a plethora of subjects within its ambit, NEQ 2018's content ranged from *Elections in India, History of Democracies and Elections, Voting Processes, Voter education and literacy, National Voters' Day & its inception to Electoral Technology, Electoral Terminology, Rules- the Model Code of Conduct, Elections across the world, Electoral Management Bodies, Types of Elections* and more.

Featuring an audience question in each of the Zonal Episodes ensuring popular engagement through attractive prizes from ECI for the first 50 correct responses, the NEQ episodes registered cumulative viewership of around 2 lakh on social media platforms till date.

The National Elections Quiz is an initiative taken up under the SVEEP programme of Election Commission of India as part of its intervention to take up electoral literacy among young people in the age group of 14-17 years which includes the Interactive School Engagement (ISE) and the recently-launched Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELC) initiative.



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