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National Haematology Quiz 2026

Indian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion (ISHBT) is India's pioneer organization of haematologists & haematopathologists. The society's annual conference (**HAEMATOCON 2026**) will be held from **12th to 15th November, 2026** in **Ahmedabad**. To increase awareness among postgraduate students towards this fast-growing field, the ISHBT will host the **National Haematology Quiz 2026**, which will be conducted at various levels as has been done in the past few years.

A. Layout of the Quiz:

The quiz will be held at the following levels:

1. **College Level**
2. **State Level**
3. **Zonal Level**
4. **National Level**

One team of 3 members per college or institute will participate in the state round. The winners will participate in the zonal round. The zonal winners will qualify for the national level quiz which will be held during the conference.

B. Eligibility:

PG streams: PG students (MD/DNB) in General Medicine, Pediatrics, Pathology, Transfusion Medicine, and Laboratory Medicine. The college/institute/hospital should have a recognized post-graduate course. The participants must be a part of the current post-graduate program.

Teams: Students can make a 3-member team within the same or combinations of the above-mentioned specialties. It would be ideal if a person from different specialties could form a team. However, this is optional. In exceptional circumstances, a 2-member team will be allowed with proper justification.

Proof of eligibility: The qualifying team representing a particular college/institute participating in the state round must furnish an authorization letter to the state concerned coordinator. This must be endorsed by the academic head of the institute (Dean/ Principal/concerned HOD) on institute/department letterhead giving the following details.

Quiz participant	1	2	3
Name			
PG course			
Year of registration			
Expected date of completion of the course			

C. Timelines and Pattern:

The proposed tentative timelines are as follows.

1. **College Level - May to June 30, 2026**
2. **State Level - July to August 20, 2026**
3. **Zonal Level - September 2026 to October 10, 2026**
4. **National Level - During the conference (12th to 15th November, 2026)**

The exact dates, timings, and venue of various levels of the quiz will be decided by the respective coordinators and will be intimated to the participant teams/ posted on the website.

The quiz will be held in stages and all levels are proposed to be in physical mode. Under exceptional circumstances, some levels may be held on a virtual platform depending on the feasibility and prevailing situation. The screening rounds (college level) may be written (MCQ type). Subsequent rounds will be team-directed and round-based. The exact pattern will be decided by the respective coordinators in concordance with the quiz document and instructions to participant teams will be given accordingly. The teams selected for the next level will be informed accordingly.

Quiz masters may be either the respective coordinators or swapped coordinators from another state/zone on a reciprocal basis or any other neutral persons. For a single quiz, there may be more than one (2 or max 3) quiz masters for various rounds. To maintain uniformity, quiz coordinators/masters may refer to the guidelines for various rounds.

D. Prizes and privileges:

College level

1. The winners from each college who participate in the state-level written screening test will get an official ISHBT certificate.

State Level

1. All state-level participants would get a participation certificate and the winners and runners-up would get separate certificates of merit.
2. Free registration for the ISHBT conference for the winners if he/she has an accepted abstract. This benefit can beavailed by writing to the organizing secretary with approval from the state coordinator.
3. Prize money is proposed to be Rs. 9000 for the winning team and Rs. 6,000/- for the runners-up team, to be divided equally among all the team members (in case of 2 members, a proportionate amount due for each person will be given). Nominal travel/ stay support through the Quiz coordinator if needed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the requirement/topography of the region.

Zonal Level

1. All zonal-level participants would get a participation certificate and the winners and runners up would get separate certificates of merit.
2. Prize money of Rs. 36,000 for the winning team and Rs. 27,000 for the runners up team to be equally divided among three members (i.e Rs. 12,000 and Rs. 9,000 each). In a rare case of two-member team, each member gets the prize money due for one member only. (Prize money to be decided by EC each year).
3. Travel grant of Rs. 10,000 per quiz participant for travel and stay for zonal quiz, if held in physical mode. These shall be for all participants traveling from outside the city where the quiz is held. These can be sent to the zonal coordinator, together with prize money at least one week in advance of the quiz date.
4. The prize money can be sent to the zonal coordinator in the form of an Amazon gift voucher/cheque or other mode, which can be given to the participants at the quiz venue itself.
5. The winners of the zonal round shall get their prize money at the Haematocon itself.

National Level

1. All national-level participants would get a participation certificate and the winners and runners-up would get separate certificates of merit.
2. Prize money of Rs. 60,000 per winning team and Rs. 36,000 for the runners-up team. to be equally divided among three members (i.e. Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 12,000 each). In a rare case of a two-member team, each member gets the prize money due for one member only. (Prize money may be decided by EC each year)
3. Travel grant of Rs. 15,000 per quiz participant for travel and stay (two nights) for the national quiz at Haematocon. These shall be for all participants traveling from outside the city where the quiz is held. The grant voucher can be collected from the ISHBT counter at the Haematocon.

Travel and stay arrangements for attending the quiz for zonal and national participants will be as per guidelines and will be made in consultation with the respective level coordinators. Usually, travel allowances are not available at the state level, and it may be done locally. Exceptionally, it may be facilitated by the state level coordinator in consultation with the National coordinators/ISHBT or the quiz at state level can be done on virtual mode in that scenario.

E. Certificates: Provided by the national quiz committee

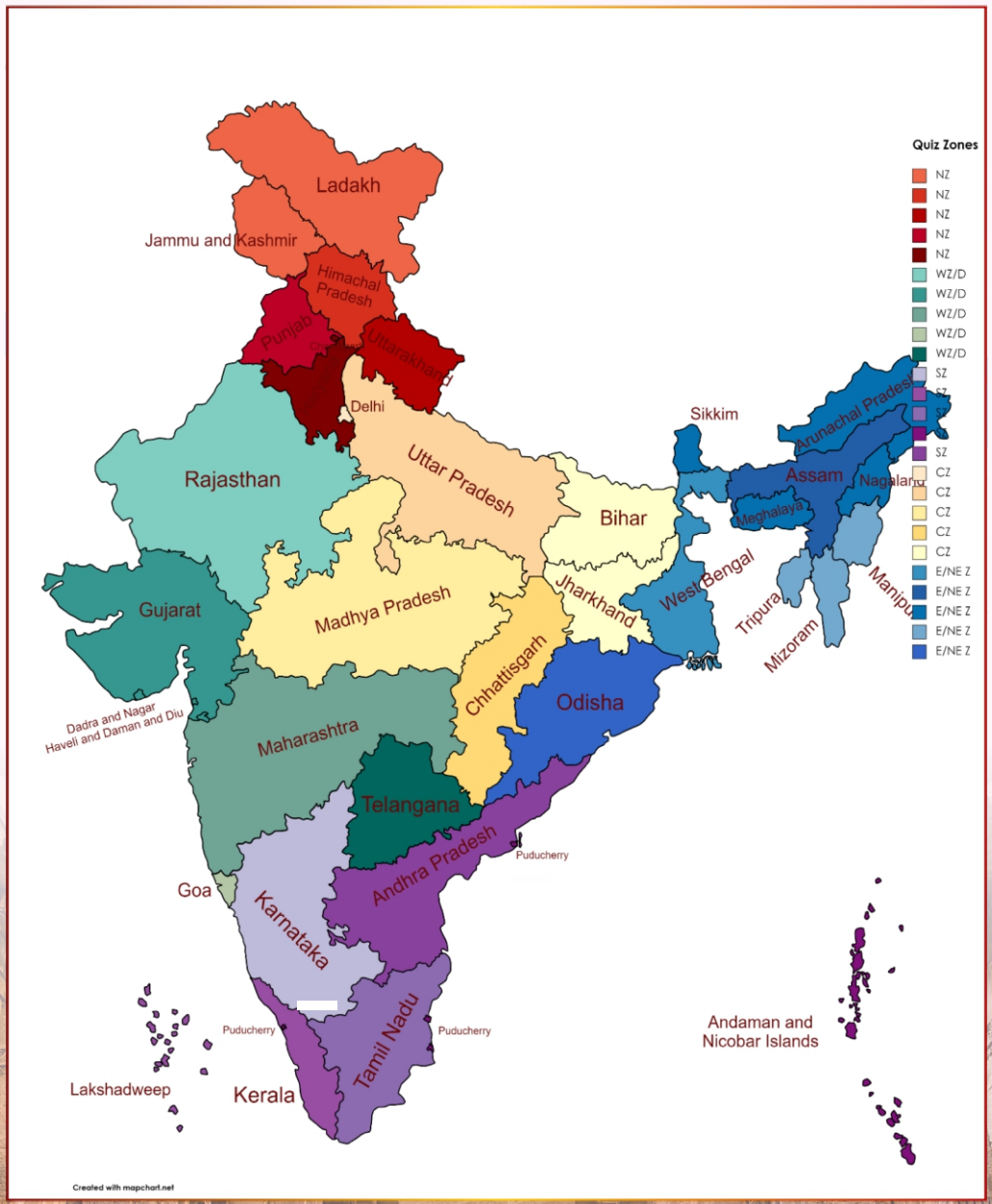
There are 3 types of certificates:

1. **Certificate of Merit:** For state, zone, and national to be given to winners and runners - up.
2. **Certificate of participation:** they are to be given to the members of the remaining participating teams.
3. **Certificate of Appreciation:** They are to be given to the people who assist in the conduct of the state/zonal/national level quiz.

Certificates are to be centrally designed and prepared by the national coordinator.
The signatories on the certificates should be the National Coordinator, President ISHBT, Secy ISHBT, and Org Secy of the National Conference. E-signatures are to be used for printing certificates.

F. Quiz zones and coordinators:

There has been a slight redistribution of zones with a total of 5 zones at the national level. Each zone will further have 5 states/ UT either singly or clubbed together at places. The following map shows the quiz zones with state/UT-wise distribution.



The following table shows the quizzones with state/UT -wise distribution of teams and the details of the coordinators.

National		**Dr. Mukul Aggarwal,** New Delhi **Dr. Jasmita Dass,** New Delhi		
Zone (Team)	**Coordinator**	**State/ UT**	**Number of teams**	**Coordinators**
North Zone (Queens of Himalayas and foothills)	**Dr. Praveen Sharma,** Chandigarh	Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh	1	**Dr. Afaq Ahmad Khan,** Srinagar
		Himachal Pradesh	1	**Dr. Pooja Murgai,** Shimla
		Uttarakhand	1	**Dr. Priyavadhana B.,** Rishikesh
		Haryana & Chandigarh	1	**Dr. Anita Tahlan,** Chandigarh
		Punjab	1	**Dr. Gargi Kapatia,** Bathinda
East / Northeast Zone (Lords from the land of sunrise and sea)	**Dr. Debmalya Bhattacharyya,** Kolkata	North-east region (Sikkim, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura.)	2	**Dr. Anil Irom,** Imphal
		Assam	1	**Dr. Damodar Das,** Guwahati
		West Bengal	1	**Dr Sumit Mitra**, Kolkata
		Odisha	1	**Dr. Pritish Chandra Patra,** Bhubaneswar
Central Zone (The great rulers of yester years)	**Dr. Jasmita Dass,** New Delhi	Delhi	1	**Dr. Vandana Puri,** Delhi
		Uttar Pradesh	1	**Dr. Shailendra Prasad Verma,** Lucknow **Dr. Deepa Rani,** Varanasi
		Bihar & Jharkhand	1	**Dr. Surabhi,** Patna **Dr. Abhishek Ranjan,** Patna
		Madhya Pradesh	1	**Dr. Garima Goel,** Bhopal **Dr Bhavna Dhingra,** Bhopal
		Chhattisgarh	1	**Dr. Gurmeet Singh,** Bhiliai
West Zone / Deccan (Valiant Warriors of West & Deccan)	**Dr. Amit Khurana**, Surat	Rajasthan	1	**Dr. Abhishek Purohit,** Jodhpur
		Gujarat & Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	**Dr. Garima Anandani,** Rajkot **Dr Akanksha Garg,** Ahmedabad
		Maharashtra & Goa	2	**Dr. Vishvdeep Khushoo,** Nagpur **Dr. Sumeet Mirgh,** Mumbai
		Telangana	1	**Dr. Tara Roshni Paul,** Hyderabad
South Zone (Mighty Kings of the South)	**Dr. Kishore Kumar Saravanan,** Chennai	Karnataka	1	**Dr. Vinay,** Bengaluru
		Andhra Pradesh	1	**Dr. DSK Sahitya,** Visakhapatnam
		Kerala & Lakshadweep	1	**Dr. Deepak Charles,** Kochi
		Tamil Nadu	1	**Dr. Karthik Bommannan,** Chennai
		Puducherry & Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	**Dr. Debdatta Basu,** Puducherry
National Hematology Quiz 2026 Committee Nominees		**Dr. Gurmeet Singh**		