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Zonal finals of the 3rd edition of Fortis Psych-ED 2018 hosted at SL Raheja Hospital, Mahim- A Fortis Associate

*~ Of the **880 schools** who registered from across 299 cities across India, **12 schools** qualified for the zonal rounds of the national psychology quiz in Mumbai ~*
~ Hosted across Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi NCR, Jaipur, Kolkata and Mohali, winners of zonal final will battle it out at the national finals on 1st Sept 2018 ~

Mumbai, 20th August 2018: The **Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences, Fortis Healthcare,** organized the 3rd edition of the Fortis National Psychology Quiz, aptly named **'Psych-ED', SL Raheja Hospital, Mahim-A Fortis Associate**, today. Designed for students from Class XI & XII, the quiz aims to test knowledge of Psychology and its concepts, encouraging students to be a part of this endeavor. Conducted under the guidance of **Dr Samir Parikh**, **Director, Department of Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences at Fortis Healthcare**, the initiative nationally witnessed participation from **over 880 schools from 299 cities in the country**.

Mumbai's Zonal Round conducted at **SL Raheja Hospital, Mahim-A Fortis Associate** today, witnessing participation from **36 students from 12 schools.** Students from Prabhavati Padamshi Soni International Junior College, Mumbai, The Cathedral and John Connon School, Mumbai, D Y Patil International School, Mumbai, Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Mumbai, Billabong High International School, Malad, Smt. Sulochnadevi Singhania IB World School (DP), Thane, Emerald Heights International School, Indore, Gundecha Education Academy, Mumbai, DPS, Pune, North Point School, Navi Mumbai, Navy Children School, Mumbai and Lilavati Podar High School, Mumbai battled each other in the zone to enter the national finals. The initiative was supported by **Mr Raj Gore, COO-South & West, Fortis Healthcare and Dr Bipin Chevale, Zonal Director, S. L Raheja Hospital, Mahim-A Fortis Associate**

As a process, the winning team from each zone (Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Chandigarh, Jaipur, Bengaluru and Kolkata) will qualify for the national final which is scheduled for September 1st, 2017 at Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurgaon. These qualifiers would be from the participating schools across Mumbai, Chandigarh, Shimla, Mohali, Haridwar, Indore, Coimbatore, Chennai, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Delhi, Jaipur, Gwalior, Lucknow, Jabalpur, Ludhiana, Jammu, Varanasi, Faizabad, Guwahati, Patna, Ernakulam and Hyderabad.

The **Winner, 1st and 2nd runners up teams will be awarded a cash prize of – Rs 50,000, Rs 30,000 and Rs 20,000,** respectively. Free Comprehensive Psychology internships for all six teams who reach the Grand Finale will also be awarded to students by the Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences at Fortis centers. G. D. Goenka University would be giving scholarships to the top three teams of the quiz. The winners of the Zonal Finals would be given gift hampers by Rupa Publications. The winners of the Grand Finale and the 1st and 2nd runners up would be given educational hampers by Eupjeus Learning.

Speaking on this unique initiative, Dr Samir Parikh, Director, Department of Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences at Fortis Healthcare, said, *"The enthusiastic participation by the students gives credence to our vision of making Psychology a household name. Our aim is to engage students, teachers and parents with Psychology and its concepts, ensuring that Mental Health is not a marginalized aspect of health. We are looking forward to a robust competition in the grand finale between the schools who win the Zonal Finals at Delhi in the Grand Finale on the 1st of September, 2018".*

Mr Raj Gore, COO-South & West, Fortis Healthcare, said *"Psych-ED is our endeavor to equip and enrich young minds, as we believe that great minds build a great nation. We have received a huge response this year and every year it is becoming bigger and growing larger. We look forward to continue having increasing number of schools join us every year."*

Students from Billabong High International School, Malad, Mumbai who qualified with her two classmates for the national finals of Psych-ED 2018, said. *"We were so excited about the quiz. It was a really fun experience. And I believe more schools need to be a part of this. We got a lot of help and support from our teachers and parents and the department of mental health also helped us giving us guidance on what to study and where to read things from."*

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