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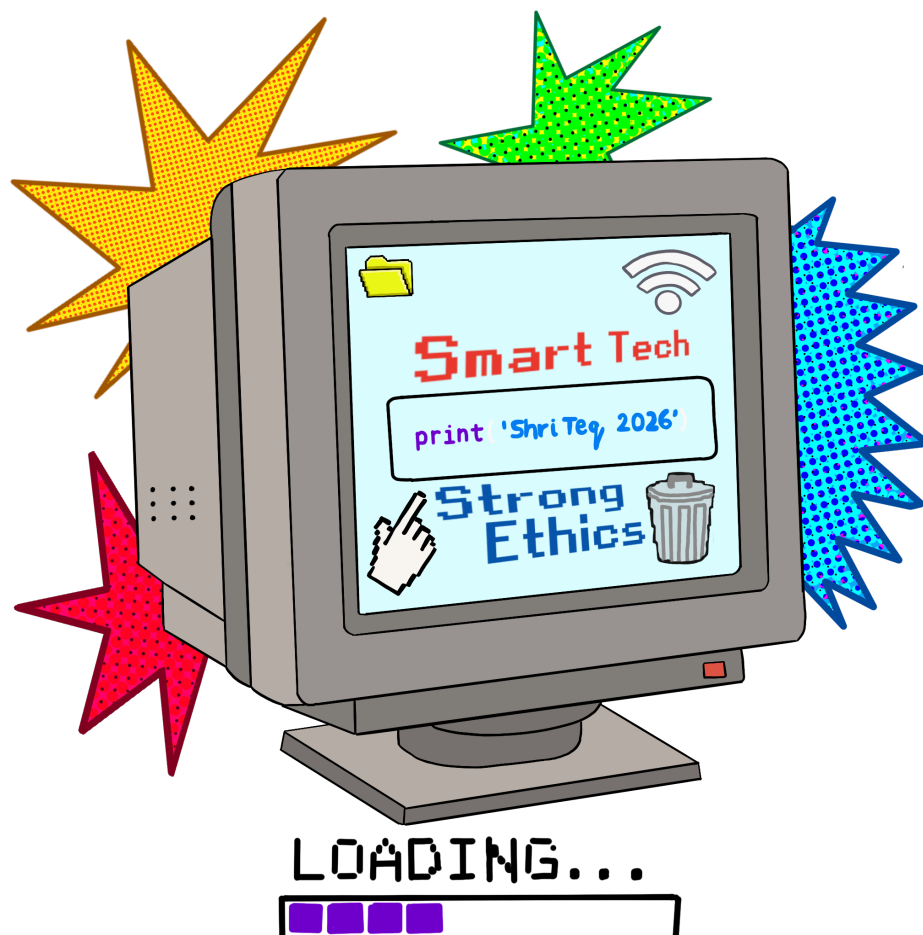
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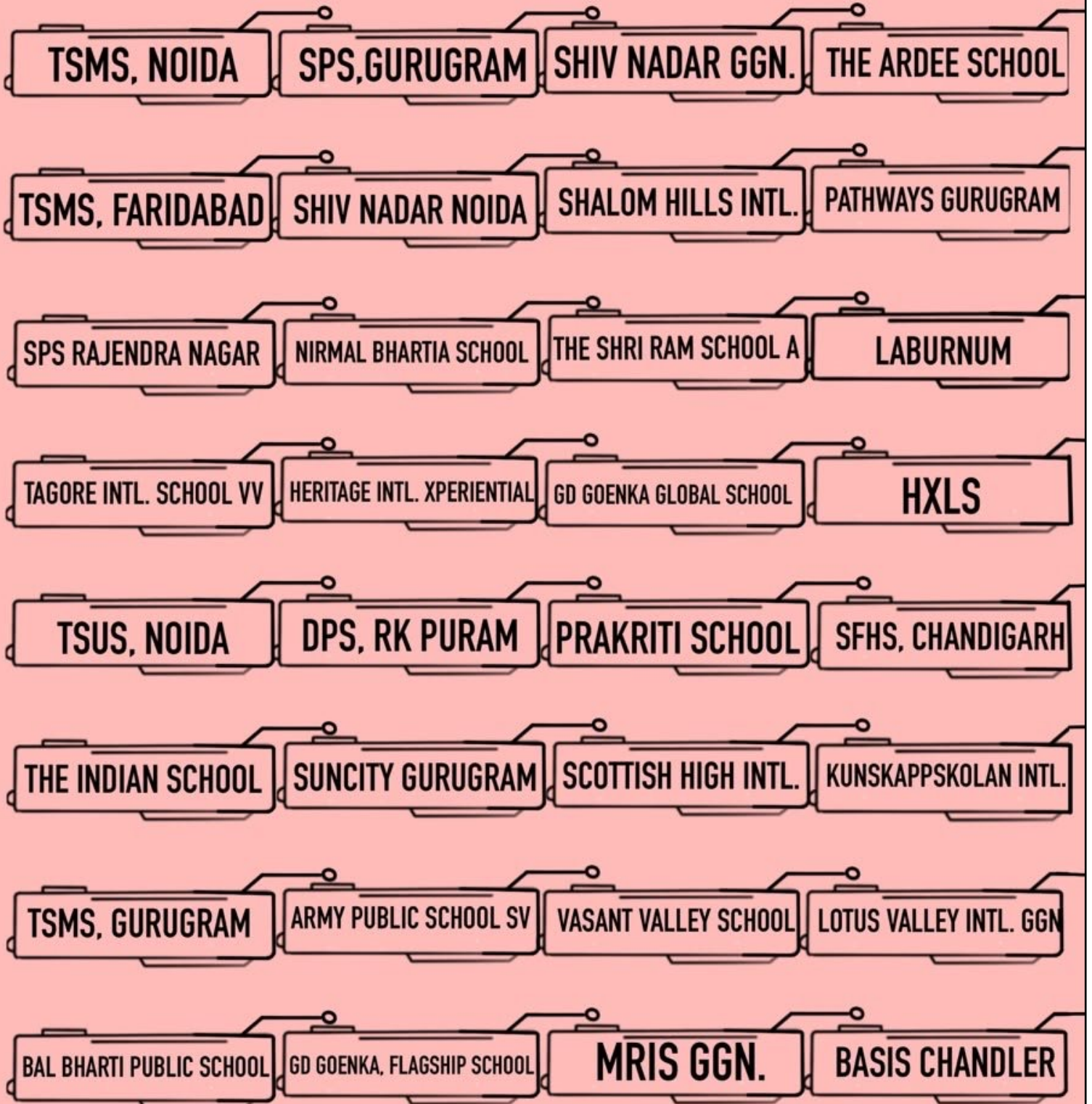
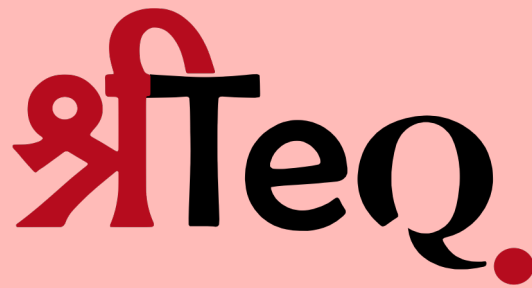
Logging Off

If Day 1 was the spark of imagination and Day 2 the frenzy of execution, the final day of Shri Teq 2026 was undoubtedly the culmination of brilliance. The competition's whirlwind pace reached a climax as the entirety of The Shri Ram School Mousari's campus gathered - along with participating teams and accompanying faculty from a number of schools across Delhi NCR - in the MBR auditorium to witness the grand finale.

Throughout the day, the auditorium remained abuzz with anticipation as the top teams stepped into the spotlight. Both the Middle School and Senior School Tech Quiz Finals left students and teachers alike awestruck as the finalists maneuvered through a labyrinth of trivia, split-second buzzer plays, and game-changing risks.

As we embark on a final chapter to bring Shri Teq 2026 to a close, it is clearer now more than ever before that the architects of tomorrow's digital landscape are ready to lead the way forward.





ONLINE EVENTS



It would be remiss to conclude Shri Teq 2026 without mentioning the exciting lineup of events that ran offstage alongside the flagship competitions. While the spotlight shone brightly on the in-person contests, these online challenges proved to be just as competitive, bringing together participants from a variety of schools from across India (and for the first time ever, outside of India, too) to showcase everything from coding expertise and creative flair to strategic thinking.

Task Force kicked off the online events with an energy-filled coding crypt-hunt challenge where speed and sharp problem-solving decides who comes out on top. Teams tackled a series of 3-7 tasks over 2 hours, earning points for every successful completion while racing against both the clock and rival teams. The tasks were given in niche

programming languages, which contestants were expected to learn during the event, and a piece of code was to be submitted as the solution. Surprise bonus rounds throughout the event gave teams the chance to earn extra points and gain the upper hand. Surpassing all these stages and taking home the trophy was Nirmal Bhartia School, followed by The Indian School in second place, and The Shri Ram School, Aravali in third.

Combining storytelling and branding expertise, *AdVenture* tasked teams with crafting compelling advertisement videos to showcase their product's unique selling points in a manner that aligned with the given marketing intent. The participants' creativity, marketing strategy, video editing, and technical execution ability was put to the test.

The senior school category's product was a pair of Smart noise-dampening ear plugs that automatically block distracting sounds while allowing important audio, such as alarms and

conversations, to pass through.

The Shri Ram School, Mousari secured first place in this round, with Lotus Valley International School finishing second and Vasant Valley School taking third. The product for the middle school category was a carbonated beverage that changes its flavour profile from sweet to sour as you drink it. This round was won by The Shriram Millennium School Faridabad, followed by Bal Bharati Public School, Ganga Ram, and The Shri Ram School Mousari.

For the coding experts, *CodeCombat* was a rapid programming showdown where participants raced to solve algorithmic problems accurately and efficiently. Ryan Batra from Strawberry Fields High School earned first place, followed by Gurshaan Arora of The Shri Ram School, Aravali, and Ayaan Bansal of The Shri Ram School, Mousari.



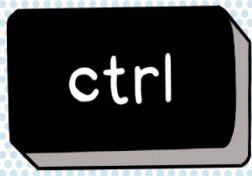
Artistic skills took centre stage in *Pixel Mania*, where participants designed original digital posters around the theme 'The Responsible AI Revolution'. Entries were evaluated on artistic vision, originality, technical design skills, and the ability to communicate their message through visual storytelling. Heritage Xperiential Learning School emerged triumphant, with The Shri Ram School, Vasant Vihar placing second, and Salwan Public School third.

Meanwhile, *PowerPlay* brought together e-sports enthusiasts for a multi-title gaming tournament that demanded not just quick reflexes, but also effective communication and teamwork. The video games played include Valorant, Rocket League, and Fortnite. The podium featured The Shri Ram School, Aravali in first place, The Shri Ram School, Moulisari in second, and The Shri Ram Millenium School Faridabad in third.

Rounding off the online events was *Putt Partee!*, a light-hearted competition that sounds far easier than it is. Behind its fun premise lay a contest of consistency and coordination, as teams worked together to achieve the lowest combined score across a series of virtual mini-golf courses of the popular Discord game Putt Party. Finishing on top was The Shri Ram School Aravali, followed by The Shri Ram School, Moulisari, while Lotus Valley International School, Gurugram rounded out the top three.

Hearty congratulations to everyone who participated in Shri Teq's online events! Although they may not have been competing on stage, their achievements were equally impressive. Across every challenge, participants demonstrated hard work, technical expertise, coordination and collaboration, proving that participating online cannot form a barrier to their innovation.





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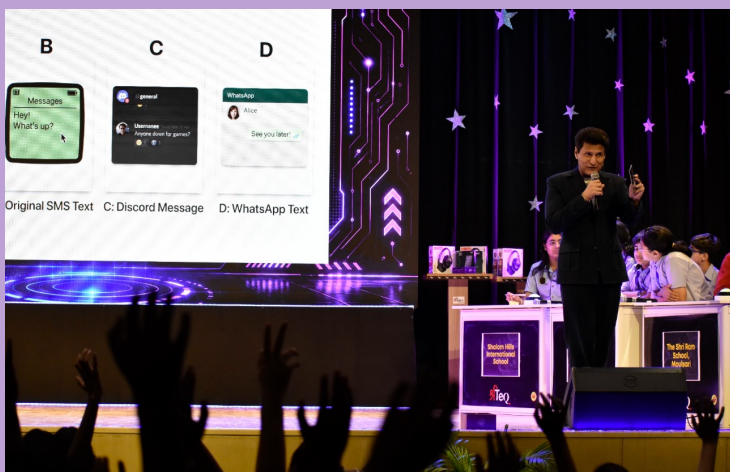
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Middle School TECH QUIZ Final

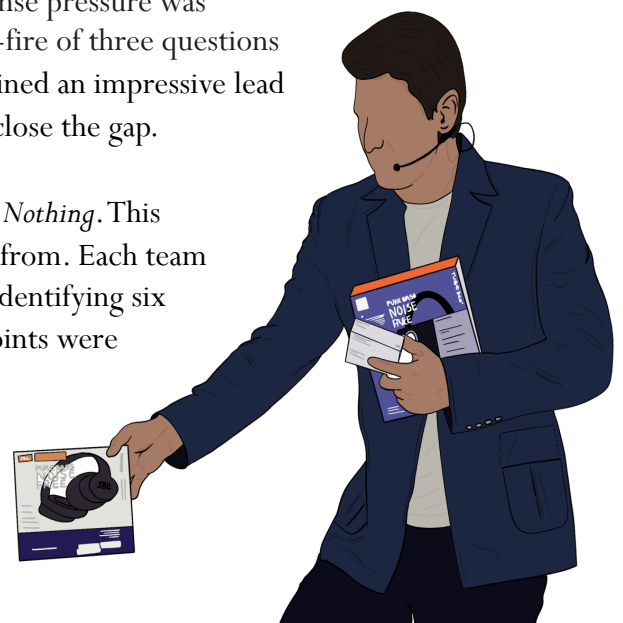
As the six finalist teams, The Shri Ram School Moulisari, Shiv Nadar School Gurgaon, Shalom Hills International, The Shri Ram Millenium School Noida, The Indian School New Delhi and Suncity School Gurugram, took their places beneath the bright stage lights, the atmosphere inside the auditorium was electric. Cheers echoed through the room, and anticipation hung in the air as students counted down the seconds to one of Shri Teq's most eagerly awaited events - The Middle School Tech Quiz Final!

We cannot talk about the highly anticipated Tech Quiz without first introducing the person who makes it the extravaganza that it is. One of India's most recognizable technology journalists and television personalities, Mr. Rajiv Makhni has, for a number of years, elevated the Shri Teq Finals far beyond a conventional quiz.

Dubbed the "quiz connoisseur," Mr. Makhni was welcomed onto the stage by student compères Aamya Atri and Anay Bhattacharya with a poetic introduction and raucous applause. He is an entertainer and quizmaster in equal measure, so much so that the auditorium was filled with constant banter and playful interactions that kept contestants and spectators alike invested from start to finish. In fact, Mr. Makhni even jokingly branded the event as an "audience giveaway event" rather than a quiz, as the real attraction for all the students watching is the rewards that they receive upon answering his questions. Armed with over thirty premium prizes, from power banks and JBL headphones to mobile phones, he left the crowd mesmerized. Students enthusiastically waved hand-made signs to garner the quizmaster's attention, and one Shiv Nadar School Gurugram student even gifted him an illustration of a car inspired by his YouTube videos. He truly ensured that every student felt like a part of the competition rather than merely a spectator.

The first two rounds: the image-based questions of *InstaView* and sequencing challenges of *OrderIT* tested a diverse knowledge base. Competing students effortlessly identified the roots of the World Wide Web, ordered the evolution of Mac OS, and even ranked Minecraft blocks by their level of hardness. In the *Spotlight* round, immense pressure was placed on a single nominated team member to answer a rapid-fire of three questions in 30 seconds, by the end of which The Indian School had attained an impressive lead of 80 points, leaving their opponents far behind and eager to close the gap.

However, the teams' standings shifted drastically during *All or Nothing*. This perilous third round had eight categories for teams to choose from. Each team subsequently had to answer a question from that category by identifying six correct options from a grid of nine; the maximum possible points were 30. The catch was this: although teams could choose to quit at any time, one wrong guess would cost them all their points - hence the name of the round. While Suncity School tragically lost their points by guessing



"liquid water tubes" as historical data storage, TSRSM's strategy worked in their favour. As they were unsure of their final option in the Software category, they chose to walk away with five correct answers, securing 25 points and keeping their championship hopes alive.

Then came *Buzz Bytes*, a buzzer round that turned the competition's tide. TSRS Mousari, acting with breakneck speed, snatched points on everything from the tactile bumps on QWERTY keyboards (F and J) to SpaceX's Merlin engines. TSMS Noida fought back valiantly, correctly identifying Motorola's foldable phone and the origins of Windows Minesweeper.

The suspense reached a crescendo as we headed into the eighth and final question; the scoreboard displayed TSMS Noida and TSRS Mousari tied at exactly 95 points.

Mr. Makhni began to announce the tie-breaker question: "John Turness was named-" "BUZZ!" Before the question could be completed, TSRSM took an enormous gamble based entirely on a single name and answered: "Apple."

It felt as though time slowed down as the audience waited with bated breath to see if the risk had paid off. Mr. Makhni announced that it was indeed correct, and thunderous applause rang through the auditorium, with students breaking into chants of the team members' names. With that lightning-fast response, TSRS Mousari had earned the 105 points needed to be crowned the Middle School Tech Quiz Champions!

In a nail-biting tiebreaker for the final podium spot, Shalom Hills International bested The Indian School by correctly identifying Google as the creator of the Meet video-calling platform.

Every moment of the Middle School Tech Quiz Finals, from daring gambles and lightning-fast buzzer rounds to Mr. Rajiv Makhni's infectious energy, kept the audience on the edge of their seats. The event proved once again why the Tech Quiz remains one of Shri Teq's most iconic and anticipated events.



SENIOR SCHOOL TECH QUIZ FINAL

Hosted by "India's Tech Guru," Mr Rajiv Makhni, the Senior Tech Quiz Finals at Shri Teq 2026 kicked off with electrifying momentum. Walking onto the stage to uproarious applause and hand-painted placards reading "Mr Rajiv Makhni, our GOAT," he immediately commanded the room. The figure The Shri Ram School Mousari looks forward to hosting every year, Mr. Makhni opened by noting the audience's visible excitement for the prizes to be won. But beyond the laughter and the generous, prize-filled audience trivia rounds - which saw lucky spectators winning power banks, mobile phones, and headphones - six capable teams (including The Shri Ram School Mousari, The Shri Ram School Aravali, Lotus Valley International School, Shiv Nadar School Gurgaon, and Manav Rachna International School) were firmly locked in a high-stakes battle of wits.



The opening rounds challenged the participants with increasingly difficult questions. In Rounds 1 and 2 - *Insta View* and *Order It* - teams dove headfirst into intricate tech-related narratives, from identifying AI data centres from cryptic social media posts to correctly ordering the file sizes of iconic video games like Minecraft and Call of Duty. A high-risk buzzer system for passed questions kept the energy palpable, occasionally costing teams penalty points. Following the quick-fire *Spotlight* round, the competition was incredibly tight, with a four-way tie emerging at the top of the leaderboard.

However, the standings shifted drastically during the perilous *All Or Nothing* round. Teams had to select a category and identify six correct options from a grid of nine; a single misstep meant forfeiting all points. While the enthusiastic audience flawlessly cleared the OTT platform category during a demonstration round, The Shri Ram School Mousari and The Shri Ram School Aravali played masterful strategic games in the Linux and Forbes categories. Both teams secured crucial points, successfully breaking the tie and pulling away from the rest of the pack.

The suspense reached a pinnacle in *Buzz Bytes*, a dynamic final buzzer round. Lotus Valley International School went on a highly aggressive buzzing spree, experiencing wild swings of momentum as they racked up points and penalties alike. Ultimately, The Shri Ram School Mousari held their nerve. Securing critical final points, The Shri Ram School Mousari finished with a mind-blowing 85 points, crowning them the Senior Tech Quiz Champions with a 15-point lead over TSRS Aravali.

It came down to a wire - in a nail-biting tiebreaker for the final podium spot, Shiv Nadar School squeezed past Manav Rachna International. Following a closing address, the chief guests joined Mr Makhni on stage to felicitate the victors, cementing a phenomenal end to a fierce battle of skill.

Conclusion



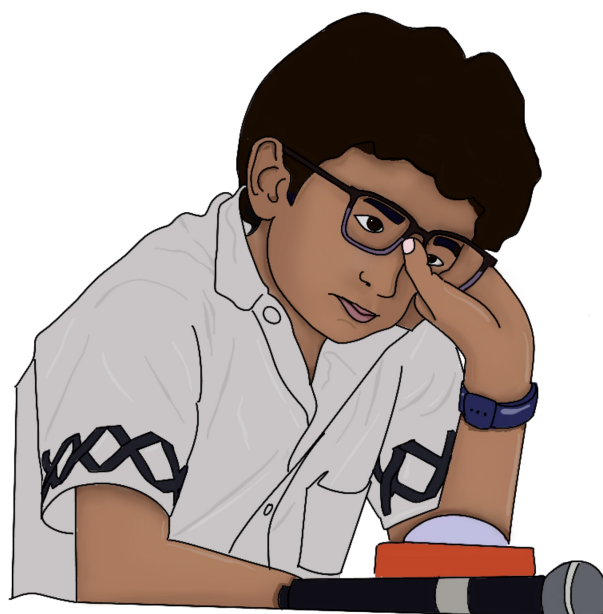
Three days ago, Shri Teq 2026 began with a clear guiding principle: "Smart Tech, Strong Ethics." Over the course of hackathons, quizzes, competitions and discussions, that idea extended far beyond a slogan, shaping every challenge, conversation, and idea presented throughout the event. This year, thirty-two schools came together not simply to compete, but to rethink the ethical boundaries of innovation and the responsible role of technology should play in shaping our future.

This principle was reflected in different ways across every event. Hackathon finalists were challenged not only to build technically advanced AI agents, but also to justify their practicality and real-world impact. *Image-ination* showed participants that generative AI is most effective when paired with genuine skill rather than sole dependence on automation. The *Fireside Chat* with Mr. Rahul Gupta encouraged students to use AI as a tool to enhance learning rather than replace it.

Rather than viewing "Smart Tech, Strong Ethics" as just a theme, it became the standard against which every event was run, and every idea was measured by all participants. Whether they were defending an AI-powered solution before venture capitalists, refining creative work or racing against the clock to answer rapid-fire questions under a spotlight, students were consistently pushed to think critically about technology and its implications.

We are proud to announce the winners for Shri Teq 2026! In first place, we have The Shri Ram School Mousari, followed closely by The Shri Ram School Aravali, and finally, in third place, Shiv Nadar School Gurugram.

As it comes to a close, we wish to congratulate each participating team for their hard work and the brilliant ideas that they pitched, their innovations and so much more. We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to every student, teacher, and judge who brought this vision to life. Whether or not a trophy was taken home, the intellectually stimulating conversations that were exchanged both by participants and audience members reflect the bright future that each person present has. We urge everyone who has been part of this spectacle to carry this mindset back to their own schools and future projects - and to always question the moral weight and impact of technology usage.



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