



## A REPORT ON INITIUM 2026

New Horizon College of Engineering, Literary Club in collaboration with Art, Dance, Fashion, Media & Music Club successfully hosted **Initium 2026**, an annual inter-collegiate literary fest, on the 27th and 28th of April 2026, centered on the vibrant and high-energy theme of **“Vegas,”** the fest brought together students from various institutions in a dynamic celebration of talent, creativity, innovation, and youthful enthusiasm. Serving as a melting pot of ideas and expression, Initium 2026 showcased the true spirit of collaboration, competition, and cultural vibrancy

The fest commenced with a soulful invocation song rendered by Ms. Vaishnavi S R, a 4th-semester student from the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The former core member of the Literary Club, Mr. Ruchir Nayak, addressed the gathering, reflecting on his journey and the legacy of INITIUM. His inspiring words resonated deeply with the audience, especially the student community. The ceremony continued with a graceful solo dance performance by Ms. Monal A. Keskar, a 4th-semester student from the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AIML), beautifully capturing the spirit of expression and creativity that INITIUM represents.

Dr. Anitha S. Rai, Director – Library and Alumni Relations, Dr. Anandi, Dean – Academics, and Dr. B. Rajalakshmi, Professor and Head – Computer Science and Engineering officially declared INITIUM 2026 open, marking the highlight of the inaugural ceremony.

The inaugural ceremony was concluded with the National Anthem.

The following events were conducted during the INITIUM Fest:

### **1. The Late Night Special: Open Mic**

This event provided a lively platform for 14 participants to showcase their talents across a variety of art forms, including soulful singing with instrumental accompaniment, stand-up comedy, and multilingual poetry. Each performance brought a unique energy to the stage, keeping the audience engaged and entertained throughout the event.

A major highlight of the evening was the playoff round between two participants who performed their original compositions. Their heartfelt performances resonated deeply with the audience, earning immense appreciation and enthusiastic applause.

**Winner:** Lakshmisha R - NHCM

**Runner-Up:** Aden V Godly - NHCE

## **2. Skyfall: Aircrash**

The Literary Club of New Horizon College of Engineering hosted Skyfall: Aircrash on 27th April 2026 at Tejas Seminar Hall. Commencing at 11:00 AM following the inauguration ceremony, the event featured participants portraying various iconic personalities competing for the last parachute in a simulated air crash scenario.

The event witnessed sixteen participants, ranging from celebrities to political figures, engaging in an intense and entertaining battle of wit across three challenging rounds. The performances were evaluated by the judge, Ruchir Nayak. The participants' creative portrayals, quick thinking, and impactful dialogues captivated the audience and drew an enthusiastic crowd throughout the event.

**Winner:** Mohammed Asim – Dayanand Sagar College of Engineering

**Runner-Up:** Mithil D – New Horizon College of Engineering

## **3. IPL Auction: Mega Auction**

The Literary Club of New Horizon College of Engineering organized IPL Mega Auction as part of Initium Fest 2026. The event was designed to simulate the auction process of the Indian Premier League, where participants formed teams and bid for players using strategic planning and budgeting skills.

The competition tested participants' knowledge of the game, decision-making abilities, and team-building strategies. Participants actively engaged in the bidding rounds, displaying enthusiasm, competitiveness, and tactical thinking throughout the event. The engaging format created an exciting and dynamic atmosphere, making the event both entertaining and intellectually stimulating. Certificates and prizes were awarded to both the winners and runners-up. The event was a resounding success, highlighting teamwork, analytical thinking, and sportsmanship.

**Winners:** Hiren D Sreedhar, Tarun N S, Rathan K R, Zaid Ahamad, Varshith M – from MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies

**Runners-Up:** M Bharath, Mahesh K, Mithrajit KS, M A Harish Anirudh, Prajval M – from New Horizon College of Engineering

## **4. Lucky Jenga: Tower Building**

The Art Club of New Horizon College of Engineering hosted Lucky Jenga: Tower Building on 28th April 2026 at the Library as part of Initium Fest 2026. The event commenced at 11:30 AM and was judged by Shrinivas Naganur, an alumnus of NHCE

A total of eleven teams registered for the event, with ten teams actively participating. Participants demonstrated remarkable creativity, engineering skills, and structural innovation while constructing towers using the provided materials. The towers were evaluated on the basis of height (20 marks), stability (15 marks), creativity (10 marks), and material efficiency (5 marks), making a total of 50 marks.

The competition highlighted the participants' dedication, teamwork, and innovative thinking as they presented and explained their designs to the judge. Both winners and runners-up were awarded certificates and cash prizes, presented by Anitha. The event was a grand success, showcasing exceptional talent and enthusiasm among the participants.

**Winners:** Priya Varshitha and Keerthana J – New Horizon College of Engineering

**Runner-Up:** Yashaswini B and Yashas S U – Sapthagiri NPS University and Presidency University

## **5. Clash of Kings: Clash Royale**

The Literary Club of New Horizon College of Engineering hosted Clash of Kings: Clash Royale, a high-energy gaming tournament featuring Clash Royale. The event witnessed 30 participants competing in intense one-on-one matches, each demonstrating sharp strategy, quick decision-making, and strong in-game mechanics.

The tournament maintained a highly competitive and engaging atmosphere throughout, with players adapting rapidly to opponents and showcasing advanced tactical gameplay. The event successfully highlighted the growing enthusiasm for esports and strategic gaming among students.

**Winner:** Aryan Gupta – MVJ College of Engineering

**Runner-Up:** Ashank D – New Horizon College of Engineering

## **6. BGNS: Battle Ground New Horizon Series**

BGNS: Battle Ground New Horizon Series was an electrifying esports tournament based on Battlegrounds Mobile India, conducted as part of Initium Fest 2026 at New Horizon College of Engineering. The tournament featured teams competing in high-intensity matches that tested their coordination, survival instincts, strategic planning, and combat skills.

The event created an exciting and immersive atmosphere for both participants and spectators, with teams displaying remarkable teamwork and tactical gameplay throughout the competition. The tournament successfully highlighted the growing popularity of esports and competitive gaming among students.

**Winners:** Team God X – New Horizon College of Engineering

Team Members: Shubhang K, Abhiraj Kumar, Nipun Shrivastava, and Huzaan Azad Shah

**Runner-Up:** Team RV – New Horizon College of Engineering

Team Members: N Venu, Ch Siddharth, M Ajay, Srujan

## **7. Solo Instrumental: The Silver Spotlight**

Solo Instrumental: The Silver Spotlight brought the electrifying spirit of Las Vegas to life through vibrant and captivating instrumental performances. Participants showcased original compositions inspired by the glitz, glamour, and high-energy atmosphere of Vegas, creating an immersive musical experience reminiscent of dazzling performances and neon-lit nights.

The event highlighted the participants' musical talent, creativity, and stage presence, leaving the audience enthralled with a diverse range of instrumental performances. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and appreciation as performers delivered memorable acts that reflected the theme of Initium Fest 2026.

**Winner:** Leema Rose – Christ University

**Runner-Up:** Immanuel David – Mount Carmel College

## **8. Solo Ramp Walk: Sin City Silhouettes**

The Solo Ramp Walk event, titled Sin City Silhouettes, was conducted during *INITIUM 2026*, held on 27th and 28th April 2026 at New Horizon College of Engineering. Inspired by the overarching *Vegas* theme, the event embraced the sub-theme *Dark Glam*, showcasing bold fashion statements, elegance, creativity, and confidence.

Participants captivated the audience with their striking ramp presence, unique styling, and expressive performances, bringing the essence of Las Vegas glamour to life. The event successfully celebrated individuality, fashion, and stage charisma, making it one of the most visually engaging highlights of the fest.

**Winner:** Praykayath Gowda – New Horizon College of Engineering

**Runner-Up:** Parimala Shetty – East West College

## **9. Solo Dance: All-In Showdown**

All-In Showdown was a high-intensity solo dance competition conducted as part of Initium Fest 2026. The event provided a dynamic platform for participants to showcase their talent, creativity, versatility, and stage presence through electrifying dance performances.

The competition commenced with a Solo Cypher round, from which the top 16 participants were selected. This was followed by intense 1v1 knockout battles leading to the top 8 and top 4 rounds. The event

concluded with a thrilling grand finale, where the finalists competed for the championship title through powerful and energetic performances.

The event captivated the audience with its competitive spirit, artistic expression, and high-energy atmosphere, making it one of the standout attractions of the fest.

**Winner:** Nova (Gowtham) – East Point College

**Runner-Up:** Chuckles – National College

### **10. Duet Dance: Two of a Kind**

Two of a Kind was an exciting duet dance competition conducted as part of Initium Fest 2026. The event focused on synchronization, coordination, chemistry, and stage presence, providing participants with an opportunity to showcase their creativity and teamwork through captivating dance performances.

Each duo performed a three-minute open-style routine along with a one-minute setup, while adhering to the prescribed guidelines regarding props and performance content. The event emphasized harmony between partners, precision in movement, and overall performance quality, making it a visually engaging and energetic competition.

The audience was enthralled by the dynamic routines and expressive performances, while the winning duo stood out for their exceptional unity, coordination, and stage impact.

**Winner:** Newgen Crew – Komal Jangir and Harshith Gowda – New Horizon College, Kasturinagar

**Runner-Up:** Duality – Ojas Narayana dundur and Vinayak V Hampimath – New Horizon College of Engineering

### **STAND UP COMEDY: A Mega Event**

One of the major highlights of Initium Fest 2026 was a spectacular 40-minute stand-up comedy performance by Shamik Chakrabarti. With his sharp wit, and relatable observations on college life, everyday experiences, and contemporary social trends, he kept the audience entertained throughout the session.

The performance was attended by an enthusiastic crowd of over 450+ people, creating an energetic and vibrant atmosphere. His act served as the perfect conclusion to the fest, blending humor with youth-centric commentary and leaving the audience with lasting memories of laughter and enjoyment.

Glimpse of the Event:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YbUISHiJfWVtPt6bqciLFdKEFBZemePi?usp=sharing>