



A REPORT ON INITIUM 2025

The grand inauguration of INITIUM 2025, NHCE's flagship intercollegiate literary fest which was held on 16th May 2025, commenced with an air of enthusiasm and creativity. With the theme, "Wizarding World", this year's edition marked a celebration of ideas, innovation, and student spirit. The soulful invocation song was rendered by Ms. Aradya S. V., a 6th-semester student from the ISE Department, followed by the Lighting of the Lamp by the dignitaries.

The Former President of the Literary Club, Ms. Fatima Zehra, delivered an inspiring alumni address, reflecting on her journey and the legacy of INITIUM. Her words resonated deeply with the audience, especially the student community. The ceremony continued with a graceful solo dance performance by Ms. Nikitha R., a 4th-semester student of the CSE Department, encapsulating the spirit of expression and creativity that INITIUM represents. Dr. Manjunatha, Principal-NHCE, officially declared INITIUM 2025 open, which was the event's high point. The National Anthem played to close out the celebration.

The following events were conducted during INITIUM.

1.Monochromancy: Participants showcased their artistic skills by creating artwork using a single color, experimenting with shades to depict the Magic and Wizarding World theme. Without using any reference images, they demonstrated exceptional creativity and skill, producing unique pieces that reflected their interpretation of the theme.

- Winner: Debajyoti – Acharya Institute of Technology
- Runner-Up: Sharikh Khan – NHCE

2.Wizards' Whisper: A Spellbinding Open Mic: This event offered a dynamic platform for students to showcase their creativity and talent through various art forms. A total of 31 participants registered, each bringing unique energy and flair to the stage. Performances included Singing, Stand-Up Comedy, Beatboxing, Rapping, and Multilingual Poetry, leaving the audience thoroughly entertained and inspired.

The event fostered a spirit of camaraderie and appreciation for the arts, reinforcing the importance of platforms for free expression and creative engagement.

- Winners:
 1. Varun Adithya – MVJ College
 2. Ashray Krishna – St. Joseph's University (SJU)

3.Parliamentary Debate: This event saw enthusiastic participation from 13 Teams, each bringing a wealth of ideas and perspectives. The debates were judged by Uddeshya Pandey, a graduating law student, and Niharikaa Bhattacharya, a NHCE alumna and one of the key founding members of INITIUM. Teams debated pressing topics in Politics, Economics, and Current Affairs, showcasing not only public speaking skills but also analytical thinking and teamwork.

- Winners: Siddharth and Charith
- Runners-Up: Maanya and Jeeya

4.Photography: Hocus Focus: Held under the theme "Spellbound Moments: Time and Illusion," this event captivated both the audience and participants. Each photo brought to life the magic of fleeting moments or twisted perceptions of time. From abstract light trails to conceptual illusions, the submissions were visually engaging and sparked admiration.

- Winners:
 1. Jyotismita Das – MS Ramaiah University
 2. Yashwin – New Horizon College of Engineering

5.Quizzith: The Ultimate Pop Music Quiz: This high-energy quiz followed a Jeopardy-style format, featuring 11 teams of two members each. Rounds covered Pop Culture themes such as Literature, TV shows, Anime, Comics, Mystery, and General Entertainment. The quiz tested the participants' knowledge, reflexes, and strategy, creating a thrilling and interactive atmosphere.

- Winners:
 1. Team Shailesh
 2. Team Eshani

6.Pitch the Snitch! Mad Ads: This creative competition embraced the Wizarding World theme. Nine teams participated in two rounds of Performance-Based Advertising. In Round One, teams picked a magical object and had six minutes to conceptualize and present a live advertisement. Round Two introduced additional constraints for finalists, challenging them to adapt quickly and think creatively.

- Winners:
 1. Thukkali Gang – UVCE
 2. Nicale and Team – New Horizon College of Engineering

7.The Pensive Paint-Off: A total of 10 teams participated. One member viewed an image for five minutes and then described it to their teammate, who painted it from memory. The event promoted communication, memory, and creativity.

- Winners:
 1. Khushi Ganesh Palankar and Madhura Chandrashekhar Naik – MVJ
 2. S. Arya Vardhan and G. H. Pawan Khoushik – NHCE

8.Aircrash: 18 participants portrayed fictional and non-fictional characters vying for the last parachute on a crashing plane. Through three engaging rounds, they used wit, improvisation, and character portrayals to make their case, keeping the audience thoroughly engaged.

- Winners:
 1. Abhay S – St. Joseph's University
 2. Kushit Gowda – New Horizon College of Engineering

9.Solo Instrumental: Accio Acoustic: This event featured magical melodies aligned with the Wizarding World theme. Participants performed captivating original compositions, creating an immersive musical experience.

- Winners:
 1. Sanket Mane – Dayananda Sagar College
 2. Emmanuel Joseph – MVJ College

10.Stand-Up Comedy: Mega Event: The highlight of the fest was a 40-minute stand-up comedy session by Vineeth Sreenivasan, who kept the audience in splits with his wit and relatable observations about college life and social trends. His performance brought the perfect close to the fest, blending humor with youth-centric commentary.

Valedictory Ceremony - As part of the valedictory, Mr. Aditya P. V., Treasurer of the Literary Club, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Management, Faculty, Volunteers, and Participants whose enthusiasm and dedication made INITIUM 2025 a resounding success. The ceremony ended on a note of pride and promise, with the spirit of INITIUM living on through the memories it created and the community it celebrated.

Glimpses of the Event

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