

A REPORT ON INITIUM 2026

The grand inauguration of INITIUM 2026, NHCE's flagship intercollegiate literary fest which was held on 27th and 28th of April 2026, commenced with an air of enthusiasm, glamour and creativity. With the theme, "Vegas", this year's edition marked a celebration of ideas, innovation, and student spirit. The melodious invocation song was rendered by Ms. Vaishnavi SR, a 4th-semester student from the ECE Department, followed by the Lighting of the Lamp by the dignitaries.

An inspiring alumni address was delivered by Mr. Ruchir Nayak, a former core member of the Literary club, reflecting on his journey and the legacy of INITIUM. His 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 of the AIML Department, encapsulating the spirit of expression and creativity that INITIUM represents. Dr. Anandi, Dean, Academics and Dr. Anitha S Rai, Director-Library and Alumni Relations, officially declared INITIUM 2026 open, which was the event's high point. The National Anthem was played to close out the celebration.



The following events were conducted during INITIUM.

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

This event provided a lively platform for 14 participants to showcase their talents across various 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.

A key highlight of the event was a playoff round between two participants who performed their original songs. Their heartfelt performances deeply resonated with the audience, earning immense appreciation and applause.

Winner: Lakshmisha R - NHCM

Runner-Up: Aden V Godly - NHCE



2. Skyfall: Aircrash:

The Literary Club of NHCE hosted "Aircrash" on April 27th, 2026, at Tejas Seminar Hall. Starting at 11:00 AM after the inauguration, the event featured students portraying various iconic characters, all competing for the last parachute in a simulated air crash. The event saw sixteen registrations, ranging from celebrities to political figures, engage in a lively battle of wits over three rounds. Esteemed judge Mr. Ruchir Nayak, an alumnus of New Horizon College of Engineering, evaluated the performances. The creative portrayals and sharp dialogues attracted a large, enthusiastic crowd.

Winner: Mohammed Asim - Dayanand Sagar College of Engineering

Runner-up: Mithil D - NHCE



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

The Literary Club of NHCE hosted “IPL Mega Auction” as part of Initium Fest. The event was conducted 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 event tested participants’ knowledge of the game, decision-making abilities, and team-building strategies. Participants actively engaged in the bidding rounds, showcasing competitiveness and enthusiasm throughout the event. The event created an exciting and dynamic atmosphere, making it both entertaining and intellectually engaging. Both winners and runners-up received certificates and prizes. The event was a resounding success, showcasing strategic thinking and teamwork, and the Art Club looks forward to organizing more such engaging activities in the future.

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

Runners-Up: M Bharath, Mahesh K, Mithrajit KS, M A Harish Anirudh, Prajval M - NHCE



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

The Art Club of NHCE hosted “Tower Building”, on April 28th, 2026, at the Library as part of Initium Fest. The event began at 11:30 AM and was judged by Mr. Shrinivas Naganur. A total of eleven teams registered, with ten teams participating and one team absent. Participants showcased impressive creativity and structural skills while building towers, which were evaluated based on height (20 marks), stability (15 marks), creativity (10 marks), and material efficiency (5 marks), totaling 50 marks. The competition highlighted the dedication and innovative thinking of the participants as they explained their designs to the judge. Both winners and runners-up received certificates and cash prizes presented by Anitha ma’am. The event was a resounding success, showcasing remarkable talent and enthusiasm, and the Art Club looks forward to organizing more such engaging activities in the future.

Winner: Priya Varshitha and Keerthana J - NHCE

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



4. **Clash of Kings:** Clash Royale:

A gaming tournament featuring Clash Royale, with 30 participants competing against each other in intense one-on-one matches, the event focused on players' strategic gameplay, quick decision-making, and in-game skills, creating a competitive and engaging atmosphere throughout.

Winner: Aryan Gupta - MVJCE

Runner-Up: Ashank D - NHCE

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

The ultimate battleground: An esports tournament based on BGMI (Battlegrounds Mobile India), where teams competed in high-intensity matches. The event showcased players' coordination, survival strategies, and combat skills, delivering an exciting and immersive experience for both participants and spectators.

Winner: Team God X - NHCE, Members: Shubhang K, Abhiraj Kumar, Nipun Shrivastava, Huzaan Azad Shah

Runner-Up: Team RV - NHCE, Members: N Venu, Ch Siddharth, M Ajay, Srujan

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

This event brought the electrifying spirit of Las Vegas to life through vibrant instrumental performances. Participants delivered captivating original compositions inspired by the glitz, glamour, and high-energy atmosphere of Vegas, creating an immersive musical experience reminiscent of dazzling shows and neon-lit nights.

Winners: Leema Rose - Christ University

Runner-Up: Immanuel David - Mount Carmel College

8. **Solo Ramp Walk:** Sin City Silhouette:

The Solo Ramp Walk event, "Sin City Silhouettes," was conducted during INITIUM 2026, held on 27th and 28th April 2026 at New Horizon College of Engineering. Based on the "Vegas" theme, the event followed the sub-theme "Dark Glam," highlighting bold fashion, elegance, and confidence.

Winners: Praykyath Gowda – NHCE

Runner-Up: Parimala Shetty - East West College



9. Solo Dance: All-in Showdown:

All-In Showdown is a high-intensity solo dance competition where participants showcase skill, creativity, and stage presence. The event begins with a Solo Cypher to select the top 16, followed by 1v1 knockout rounds leading to the top 8 and top 4. The competition culminates in a grand finale, where the finalists battle for the championship title.

Winner: Nova(Gowtham)- East Point College

Runner-Up: Chuckles- National College

10. Duet Dance: Two of a Kind:

Two of a Kind is a duet dance competition focused on synchronization, coordination, and stage presence. Participants perform a 3-minute open-style routine with a 1 minute setup, adhering to specified guidelines for props and content. The event emphasizes teamwork and chemistry, with the winning duo demonstrating exceptional unity and performance quality.

Winner: Newgen Crew: Komal Jangir, Harshith Gowda-NHCK

Runner-Up: Duality: Ojas Narayana Dundur, Vinayak V Hampimath- NHCE



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11. STAND UP: Mega Event

The highlight of the fest was a 40-minute stand-up comedy performance by Shamik Chakrabarti, who kept the audience in splits with his wit and relatable observations about college, life and social trends. Enjoyed by an audience of 450+ people, his performance brought the perfect close to the fest, blending humor with youth-centric commentary.

Glimpse of the Event:

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