



Rajagiri National Business Quiz 15th Edition

GUIDELINES

The Rajagiri NBQ Organizing Committee is delighted to extend a warm welcome to you as we host the 15th Edition of one of India's most esteemed business quizzes. Your participation makes the event even more special for us. We are excited to announce the event will be conducted in three different categories: Corporate Category, College Category (National & International) and School Category. We hope you thoroughly enjoy this enriching experience. Let's see who takes the crown!

For all details of Rajagiri NBQ 15th Edition, keep checking our [website](#).

For your convenience and understanding, we present the guidelines as below.

Official Rules and Regulations:

1. Team Composition: Rajagiri NBQ allows only team format of participation.

- a. Each participating team shall consist of exactly two members.
- b. Both members forming a team must belong to the same organization or educational institution. Cross teams will strictly not be permitted.
- c. Team composition cannot be changed after the preliminary rounds. The team will be representing the institution of which they are a part of and shall continue to represent the same institution throughout the duration of the event – from preliminary to Grand Finale (if selected for further rounds).
- d. No team member is allowed to be a part of multiple teams.

2. Categories: Rajagiri NBQ 15th Edition will feature three separate categories.

- a. The quiz comprises three distinct categories: Corporate, College, and School

I. Corporate Category

- i. All team members competing in the corporate category must be currently employed by the same organization.
- ii. Eligibility for this category extends exclusively to employees of public/private organizations that are located in India. The competition is open to all corporate organizations/ companies including MNCs, financial institutions, public sector undertakings, media companies, NGOs etc.

II. College Category

- i. All participants in the College category must be students enrolled in an institution of higher education, such as a college or university. All team members competing in the College/ School categories must be students of the same educational institution. They may come from different departments/ classes within the same institution to form a team.
- ii. Participants must be within the age range of 17 to 28 years as of November 30, 2024.
- iii. This category is open to students from institutions located in the following countries: India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates. Participants may be of any nationality but studying in these countries.

III. School Category

- i. Participants in the School category must be students currently enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.
- ii. Participants must be between the ages of 13 and 17 as of November 30, 2024.
- iii. This category is open to students from educational institutions located in India.

3. Registration:

- a. Participation in Rajagiri NBQ 15th Edition is only by registration.
- b. Registration is free and does not involve any cost at any stage.
- c. Online registration link for the quiz is open at <https://nbq.rajagiri.edu/>.
- d. Offline registration link for the quiz is open at <https://forms.gle/n4kacnz9Qbf8hjtc6>
- e. The online prelims registration link will be active from September 01, 2024 and will remain open until 09:00pm, October 25, 2024.
- f. The offline registration link will be active from October 28, 2024 and will remain open until 08:45pm, November 30, 2024.

4. Quiz Rounds:

Rajagiri NBQ 15th Edition will feature three rounds: **Preliminary, Semi-Finals, and Grand Finale.**

1. Preliminary Round:

- i. Preliminary rounds will be conducted online. The organizing committee will communicate the mode of conducting the preliminary round to all registered teams. This may involve online platforms or apps, and the link will be shared with registered participants. Ensuring stable internet connectivity, audio, and video quality will be the responsibility of the participating team.
- ii. There will be only one preliminary round for each category.
- iii. Teams qualifying in the Preliminary Round will advance to the Semi-Finals round of the respective category.

- iv. Multiple teams from the same institution are allowed to register and participate in the online preliminaries. However, only one top-scoring team from an organization/institution will be selected to advance to further rounds from the online preliminaries.

2. Offline Preliminaries Round:

- i. The offline preliminaries are **exclusively for the Corporate and College categories.**
- ii. This round serves as the initial selection phase, with the top two teams in each category advancing to the semifinals of the Rajagiri National Business Quiz (NBQ) 2024.
- iii. The offline preliminaries will be held at 9:00 am IST on November 30, 2024 at the Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kochi, Kerala.
- iv. The offline preliminaries will be conducted in a pen-and-paper format.
- v. Team Participation
- Each institution is permitted to enter any number of teams in the offline preliminary rounds.
 - While two qualifying slots are available in the semifinals from the offline preliminaries, these can be awarded to teams from the same institution.
- vi. Advancement Rules
- The top two teams from the offline preliminaries will join the six teams selected from the online preliminaries held on October 26, 2024 to advance to the semifinals.
 - If multiple teams from the same institution—including teams from different campuses or departments—place in the top three of the semifinal rounds, only the highest-ranking team from that institution will advance to the Grand Finale.
- vii. The organizers will not be providing support for teams that have registered for offline preliminary rounds, including travel and accommodation costs.
- viii. Teams who are registering for the offline preliminary rounds are required to bring ID cards issued from their institution as well as Bonafide certificates issued from the institution; failing which, the organizers reserve the right to reject any application for registration or entry to the quiz.

3. Semi-Final Round:

- i. Team Selection
- **School Category:** The top 12 teams from the preliminary round will be selected for the online Semi-Finals on 2nd November 2024. There will be two online semi-final rounds which is scheduled to start at 09:00am IST and 10:15am IST (6 Team each, from the 12 selected teams), with the top 3 teams from each round being selected for the Grand Finale.
 - **College Category:** The top 6 teams from the online preliminary round and top 2 teams from the offline preliminary round will be selected to advance to the offline Semi-Finals rounds which will be conducted at Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kochi on 30th November 2024 at 10:15am IST.
 - **Corporate Category:** The top 6 teams from the preliminary round and top 2 teams

from the offline preliminary round will advance to the offline Semi-Finals which will be conducted at Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kochi on 30th November 2024 at 11:30am IST.

- ii. The online platform for the Semi-Final round will be informed to the selected participants. Ensuring stable internet connectivity, audio, and video quality will be the responsibility of the participating team. Participants from the school category who have advanced to the online semi-final rounds should attend the semifinals together.
- iii. Top scorers from the Online Preliminaries will be contacted by the Organizing Committee for verification of institution credentials. Valid ID cards from the institution that the qualifying teams represent and a Bonafide Certificate from the Head of Institution will be required to be produced for participation in the Semi-Final and further rounds. Templates for the Bonafide Certificate will be provided by the Organizing Committee.
- iv. Additional documents must be submitted to the satisfaction of the organizers, in case the organizers are not satisfied with the validity of the ID cards.
- v. All international participants in the college category who are selected for the Semi-Finals must possess valid travel documents, including a passport with at least 6 months of validity, that allows travel to India for the Grand Finale (if selected). The organizing team will provide documents to support the visa application process. Participants must ensure that they apply for and obtain a valid visa (where applicable) for travel to India before the prescribed date. Passports and other required documents must be submitted to the organizers for participation in the Semi-Finals and subsequent rounds. The organizing committee will not be responsible for the visa application process.
- vi. Both members of each qualifying team will be required to travel to the campus of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in Kochi, Kerala if selected for the Semi Finals.

4. Grand Finale

- i. The Grand Finale will be held on 30th November 2024 at Rajagiri Valley campus, Kochi, Kerala, India.
- ii. Top 3 Team from college category semifinals as well as corporate category semifinals will be selected for the Grand Finale.
- iii. The selected teams from corporate and college category will compete on the same stage, however prizes will be awarded separately.

5. Rajagiri NBQ Awards (for the winning teams):

I. Corporate Category

- ❖ Grand Finale Winner – INR 100,000
- ❖ First Runner Up – INR 50,000
- ❖ Second Runner Up – INR 30,000

II. College Category

- ❖ Grand Finale Winner – INR 100,000 + Certificates

- ❖ First Runner Up – INR 50,000 + Certificates
- ❖ Second Runner Up – INR 30,000 + Certificates

III. School Category

- ❖ Grand Finale Winner – INR 10,000 + Trophy + Certificates
- ❖ First Runner Up – INR 7,000 + Trophy + Certificates
- ❖ Second Runner Up – INR 5,000 + Trophy + Certificates

6. Dates to Remember:

| Events | Schedule |
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| Registration (online) | September 1, 2024 – October 25, 2024 |
| Online Prelims (online) | October 26, 2024 |
| Semi-finals (School, Online) | November 02, 2024 |
| Semi-finals (College and Corporate, Offline) | November 30, 2024 |
| Grand Finale | November 30, 2024 |

7. Other important guidelines:

- i. Students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) and Rajagiri Business School are not eligible to take part in this Quiz
- ii. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team at any stage in case it comes to notice that the team(s) have adopted any unfair mechanisms or violate the fair rules of the game.
- iii. By registering for the event, participants indicate their acceptance that the organizing team of Rajagiri NBQ can send them communication from time to time regarding Rajagiri NBQ or any other initiatives by the organizers.
- iv. The organizing team reserves the right to accept or reject any application to registration or entry to the Quiz.
- v. By registering for the event/participating in the Quiz, please be informed that participants convey their acceptance to be photographed, video- graphed and/or recorded by electronic/print/digital media for telecast/ publication and/or other display usage of the organizers.
- vi. Prizes once awarded will be final and there would be no exchange/substitution of the prizes. THE DECISION OF THE QUIZ MASTER AND THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS FINAL.
- vii. Any tax liabilities on the prize money (wherever applicable) will be the responsibility of the recipients of the prizes.
- viii. The decisions of the Rajagiri NBQ Organizing team and Quiz Master will be final and binding on all issues related to Rajagiri NBQ and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained.
- ix. The Rajagiri NBQ Organizing team has the right to amend any rules of the contest at any time without any notice.
- x. The participants must ensure strong internet connectivity (all technical details will be made available to the participants prior to the Prelims). Rajagiri NBQ

organizers or the Quiz Master will not be responsible for any technical glitches that may happen from the participants' end.

- xi. By agreeing to participate in the quiz the participants are giving their consent to share their data with a third-party organization whose platform will be used to conduct the event.
- xii. In case of an unforeseen emergency that results in the inability of a team which has qualified from the online prelim to participate further, the following rules shall apply - If the RajagiriNBQ Organizing team **is informed** of the qualifying team's inability to be present for the semi- finals at least 3 days before the event or prior, the next team with the best qualifying score from the online preliminaries will be invited. Such successive invitations will continue till the next invited team complies.

Frequently Asked Questions

| | Corporate | College | School |
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| Is there an entry fee? | There is no entry/ registration fee | There is no entry/ registration fee | There is no entry/ registration fee |
| Who can participate in the preliminary round? | All eligible registered teams | All eligible registered teams | All eligible registered teams |
| When will the Online preliminary round be held? | October 26, 2024 (Time and online platform details will be communicated to registered participants) | October 26, 2024 (Time and online platform details will be communicated to registered participants) | October 26, 2024 (Time and online platform details will be communicated to registered participants) |
| When will the offline preliminary round be held? | November 30,2024 (09:00am IST, Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kochi, Kerala, India) | November 30,2024 (09:00am IST, Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kochi, Kerala, India) | --- |
| When will the Semi-final round be held? | 11:30am IST, November 30, 2024, Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kochi, Kerala, India | 10:15am IST, November 30, 2024, Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kochi, Kerala, India | Round 1: 09:00am IST, November 02, 2024. Round 2: 10:15am IST, November 02, 2024. |
| When will the Grand Finale be held? | November 30, 2024 at Rajagiri Valley Campus, | November 30, 2024 at Rajagiri Valley Campus, | November 30, 2024 at Rajagiri Valley Campus, |

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| | Kochi, Kerala, India | Kochi, Kerala, India | Kochi, Kerala, India |
| Will the team get travel, accommodation and logistics support if selected for the Grand Finale? | Will be considered on a case-to-case basis | National teams – Yes (for all 2- member teams from outside Kerala state) International teams – Yes (for all 2- member teams from outside India) | Yes – for all 2- member teams from outside Kerala state. |

Event Schedule

| Event | Time | School | College | Corporate |
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| Online Prelims Saturday, October 26, 2024 | 06:30 pm – 07:00 pm IST | 12 top teams selected | 6 top teams selected | 6 top teams selected |
| Online Semi-finals Saturday, November 2, 2024 | | 6 top teams selected from 12 teams | ✗ | ✗ |
| | 09:00 am IST | Prelim Round 1 3 teams selected from 6 teams | | |
| | 10:15 am IST | Prelim Round 2 3 teams selected from 6 teams | | |
| Offline Preliminary Round | 09:00 am – 10:00 am IST | ✗ | 2 teams to be selected | 2 teams to be selected |
| Offline Semi-finals Saturday, November 30, 2024 | 10:15 am – 11:15 am IST | ✗ | 3 teams selected from 8 teams | |
| | 11:30 am – 12:30 pm IST | | | 3 teams selected from 8 teams |
| Grand Finale | 01:45 pm – 02:45 pm IST | 6 teams on stage | | |
| Saturday, November 30, 2024 | 03:00 pm – 04:00 pm IST | | 3 teams on stage | 3 teams on stage |
| Valedictory | 04:15 pm – 05:15 pm IST | Prize Distribution | | |

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