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## Press Release

### Inter-college crossword contest: Bengaluru engineering institute student tops Practice Round

Patna Women's College girl Bihar topper at No. 13; competitive stage kicks off today; free-of-cost registrations still open

**Patna**

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Vaishnavi A Punagin, a BTech student of School of Engineering, Dayanand Sagar University, Bengaluru, on Saturday topped the Leaderboard at the end of the Practice Round of the inaugural National Inter-college Crossword Expedition (NICE) 2022.

Aditi Pai, an engineering student of Dr Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, and Anurag Jaiswal, a BA student of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee University, Ranchi, were at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions, respectively.

While Saurabh Raj is another student from Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee University, Ranchi, to figure among the top 15, Jahanvi Rani, a BSc student of Patna Women's College, Patna, is the only student in the top 15 from Bihar.

The three-stage first-of-its-kind contest is being organized by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and the University Grants Commission (UGC).

The Practice Round was held to familiarize the participants about the format of the contest.

The first stage will be open to all students from colleges and higher education institutes to play individually. It will involve solving crossword clues online for four successive Sundays starting April 3, 2022. After the fourth Sunday round on April 24, 2022, the top two participants from each institute will form the institutions' teams for the two subsequent offline stages – five zonal finals and a national Grand Finale.

All three stages will be conducted by the Patna-based Extra-C, a civil society initiative for promoting knowledge-based co-curricular activities.

**With regards**

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