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## Press Release

### Inter-college crossword contest: DU students dominate 2nd online round

### Girls take 5 of the top 8 positions; national topper an alumnus of Don Bosco Academy, Patna; two more Sunday rounds in Stage I; cumulative scores to decide Stage II entry

**Patna**

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Shashwat Sanjeev of Hansraj College, Delhi University, on Sunday took 1st spot at the end of the second online round of Stage I of the inaugural National Inter-college Crossword Expedition (NICE) 2022.

Kirti Tyagi of Maitreyi College, Delhi University, and Harshul Sagar of IIT Delhi occupy 2nd and 3rd spots, respectively.

Arpita Goel of the School of Open Learning, Delhi University, who was the National topper in the first online round last Sunday, is the North zone topper this time. Joyal Biju of Government Engineering College, Thrissur, who was 3rd in the national rankings after the first round, is the South zone leader.

Himanshi Maheshwari of Acropolis, Indore; Rashmi Kumari of Ranchi Women's College; and Murchana Mahanta Barman of Scholars Institute of Management and Technology, Guwahati, are the zonal toppers for West, East and Northeast, respectively.

The round was held between 10.30 am and 05.30 pm on Sunday.

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

The contest is being conducted by the Patna-based Extra-C, a civil society initiative for promoting knowledge-based co-curricular activities. The online rounds are being hosted on its official website [www.crypticsingh.com](http://www.crypticsingh.com).

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