

Fortis Hospital, Mohali host the 'PSYCH-ed 2017' Zonal Finals

~ Of the 430 schools who participated, 76 qualified for the zonal round ~

~ Sanmeet, Sajneet and Tanya from YPS school, Mohali to participate in Zonal Finals ~

Mohali, August 31, 2017: Fortis Hospital, Mohali organized the Zonal Finals of the national psychology quiz programme 'PSYCH-ed, 2017' here today. More than 30 students from 10 schools from regions participated in this much anticipated quiz show. The zonal finals of the national psychology quiz was conducted under the aegis of Dr. Samir Parikh, Director, Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences, Fortis Healthcare.

The **Department of Mental Health & Behavioural Sciences, Fortis Healthcare**, organized the 2nd season of the national psychology quiz, aptly named '**PSYCH-ed**' for school children across the country. The quiz is designed for students from Class XI & XII, aiming to test their knowledge of Psychology and allied sciences, pitting them against the brightest young minds of the age group. The initiative witnessed national participation from **over 1000 students, from 430 schools across 95 cities.**

The schools those participated were Spring Dales Senior Secondary School, Amritsar, Saint Paul Mittal School, Ludhiana, Yadavindra Public, Mohali, Carmel Convent School, Chandigarh, Oakridge International School, Mohali, Delhi Public School, Chandigarh, Saupins School, Chandigarh, DAV Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 15, Chandigarh, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Chandigarh, Auckland House, Shimla. **Sanmeet, Sajneet and Tanya** from **YPS school, Mohali** school battled other schools in the zone to enter the national finals.

As a process, the winning team from each zone will qualify for the national final which is scheduled for September 1st, 2017 at FMRI, Gurgaon. These qualifiers would be from the participating schools across Kolkata, Mumbai, Ahmadabad, Bhopal, Indore, Trivandrum, Chennai, Pitampura, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Delhi, Meerut, Jaipur, Gwalior, Lucknow, Jabalpur, Manipur, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Amritsar, Shimla, Mohali, Chandigarh and even Singapore.

The **Winner, 1st and 2nd runners up teams will be awarded a cash prize of – Rs 50,000, Rs 30,000 and Rs 20,000** respectively. Free Comprehensive Psychology internships for all six teams who reach finale will also be organized at any of the Fortis centers. The top three semi-finalists from each zone will also receive prizes by Britannica. The initiative was supported by Mr Ashish Bhatia, COO- North & East, Fortis Healthcare and Mr Abhijit Singh, Facility Director – East, Fortis Hospital, Mohali.

Speaking on this unique initiative, Dr Samir Parikh, Director, Department of Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences at Fortis Healthcare Ltd., said, *"The overwhelming response and enthusiasm shown by the students, their parents and teacher encourages us to engage with more schools so children could*

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be tasked to further their understanding of psychology and Allied Sciences. We will be tasking bright minds from one school into the finale, to declare the winners of PSYCH-ed 2017."

Mr. Ashish Bhatia, Chief Operating Officer (COO - North & East), Fortis Healthcare Ltd., said, *"PSYCH-ed is our endeavor to equip and enrich young minds, as we believe that great minds build a great nation. We hope to reach out to many more young minds in the next season."*

Ms. Harmala, a teacher from **Carmel Convent School, Chandigarh,** said; *"We are proud for our students. Apart from education we always encourage them to take part in various extracurricular activities. We appreciate the exposure they get from such initiatives. They did their best and we are proud of them."*

About Fortis Hospital Mohali

Fortis Hospital Mohali is a 355 bed, JCI and NABH-certified, multispecialty care hospital. The hospital commenced operations in 2001, and is today considered one of the most recognized cardiac hospitals of India. Located in the heart of Punjab over 8.22 acres, the tertiary hospital has a comprehensive team of clinicians delivering world-class patient care, supported by advanced technology. In July 2014, Fortis Hospital Mohali added the 55-bed 'Fortis Cancer Institute' on its premises to offer the latest and most comprehensive Medical, Surgical and Radiation Therapy modalities.

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