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Registration Open for 3rd Edition of HCL Jigsaw - India's Premier Critical Reasoning Platform to Assess Problem Solving Skills Among School Students

Total Prize purse of Rs. 12 lakhs for winners and finalists learning opportunity at HCL Innovation Lab

A one-of-a-kind Olympiad to identify India's Top Young Problem Solvers and Problem-Solving Schools

Delhi NCR, April05, 2022: HCL, a US \$11.2 billion global conglomerate, today announced that registrations are now open for the third edition of **HCL Jigsaw**- India's premier critical reasoning platform. The virtual, Pan-India program is aimed at building a community of young problem-solvers by identifying and awarding India's Top Young Problem Solvers through a multi-layered evaluation process. HCL Jigsaw assesses school students in grades 6 to 9 on key 21st-century skills including research, critical thinking, and communication, and helps them apply these to solve real-world challenges. Interested students or schools can register at www.hcljigsaw.com, by July 31st, 2022 to participate in the competition. The total prize purse for HCL Jigsaw 3.0 is Rs 12 lakhs and winners and finalists will also get a learning opportunity at HCL Engineering and Innovation labs.

Commenting on the initiative, **Sundar Mahalingam, President Strategy at HCL Corporation** said, "At HCL, we believe in

multiplying the potential of not just an individual but communities at large. Nurturing critical-thinking skills is essential to help young minds thrive in a rapidly evolving world, and teachers and schools play an important role in this journey. HCL Jigsaw is designed to expose students to situations that require them to exercise their problem-solving and critical thinking capabilities. Jigsaw 3.0 will present real-world case studies and encourage the participants to come up with innovative solutions to win exciting rewards."

HCL Jigsaw will assess participating students on 10 parameters under three primary attributes that can be characterized as key components of the problem-solving process.

These include: -

- **Research Skills** – this would assess students on how well they are able to define a problem, formulate an investigation / action plan and collect and organize information
- **Communication Process** – assess the student's ability to structure information in a coherent manner, and understand the context and purpose of any information given to them
- **Thinking Critically** – this attribute will assess if a student is able to interpret the information accurately, evaluate claims and draw conclusions

HCL Jigsaw is a virtual competition and will include three assessment stages:

- **Qualifiers Round** –40 Minutes Pan-India online Olympiad during August 8 – 14, 2022

Important Dates to Note	
Round	Date
Qualifiers	August 8 to 14, 2022
Semifinal	August 20, 2022
Finale	August 21, 2022
Result Announcement	August 22, 2022



- Students participating in this will get multiple-choice questions, each attributing to a facet of critical reasoning and problem-solving
 - The assessment will be adaptive and the questions for the competition have been curated following international best standards to evaluate students within their specific age groups
 - **All students from this round will receive a personalized skill assessment report of their performance on each skill, giving them a roadmap for improvement and development areas**
- **Semifinals** – Collaboration Round on August 20, 2022, post 3 PM
 - Top 10 percentile from each grade will split into teams of three
 - Students in each grade will be grouped in teams during this stage and will compete in a virtual mystery room to creatively solve a real-world problem
 - **Finale** – Case Study Round, to be held on August 21, 2022
 - 9 students per grade will compete in this stage
 - Students will be given a real-world case scenario based on different themes and they will present their solution individually in the form of a presentation to an august jury
 - **Top three students from each grade (total of 12 students) will win the title of “India’s Top Young Problem Solvers”**

Over 11,000 students from 3000+ schools across 35 states and Union Territories participated in the first two editions of HCL Jigsaw.

About HCL

Founded in 1976 as one of India’s original IT garage start-ups, HCL is a pioneer of modern computing with many firsts to its credit, including the introduction of the 8-bit microprocessor-based computer in 1978 well before its global peers. Today, the HCL enterprise has a presence across varied sectors that include technology, healthcare and talent management solutions and comprises three companies – HCL Infosystems, HCL Technologies and HCL Healthcare. The enterprise generates annual revenues of over US \$ 11.2 billion with more than 198,000 employees operating across 52 countries. For further information, visit www.hcl.com

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