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Subject: National Renewable Energy Quiz 2026 – “RE:Think — Think Beyond Energy (उर्जा मंथन)” for College Students – reg.

आदरणीय महोदया /महोदय,

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India, in association with the National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) as Knowledge Partner, is organising “RE — Think Beyond Energy (उर्जा मंथन): National Renewable Energy Quiz” as part of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 (BRESE 2026), scheduled **from 02 to 05 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**. The College Student category is open to full-time students aged 17–25 years, with two students participating as a team. The Regional Round will be conducted **online on 22, 23 & 24 September 2026**, and the Grand Final for qualifying college student teams will be held in person on **05 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**. The quiz will be conducted in English.

In view of the above, all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are requested to give wide publicity to the Quiz among eligible students and encourage their participation.

The letter received from MNRE dated 02.09.2026, along with the Concept Note and Quiz Rules, is enclosed for information and necessary action.

For any queries regarding the quiz and participation, please contact:

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संलग्नक :

1. Letter from Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) dated 02.09.2026
2. Concept Note – RE:Think — Think Beyond Energy (उर्जा मंथन): National Renewable Energy Quiz 2026
3. Quiz Rules

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दिनांक

No. D.No. 353/23/2026-NRM

Dated 02-SEP-2026

Subject: Request for dissemination of “RE:Think — Think Beyond Energy (ऊर्जामंथन)” National Renewable Energy Quiz among universities and higher educational institutions under Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026

Respected Ma'am,

The **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 (BRESE 2026)**, being organised under the aegis of the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India**, is envisaged as a major national and global platform for advancing India's renewable energy transition. Scheduled to be held from **2 to 5 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**, BRESE 2026 carries forward the legacy of the earlier RE-Invest series and will bring together global leaders, policymakers, investors, innovators and other stakeholders working towards India's clean-energy future.

Recognising the importance of bringing India's young generation into this national conversation, the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy MNRE** together with **National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI)**, as a Knowledge Partner, is organising “**RE:Think — Think Beyond Energy (ऊर्जामंथन)**”, a National Renewable Energy Quiz as part of the national outreach programme associated with BRESE 2026.

RE:Think has been conceived as a pan-India initiative to engage young minds with **renewable energy, climate action, sustainability and India's clean-energy ambitions**. The objective is not only to create awareness, but also to encourage curiosity and informed engagement among students with the developments shaping India's energy future.

The **College Student category is open to students aged 17 to 25 years**, with two students participating as a team. The indicative themes include solar energy, wind, hydro and bioenergy, green hydrogen, battery storage, rooftop solar, floating solar, agrivoltaics, Government initiatives such as PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana and PM-KUSUM, climate and sustainability, and everyday energy awareness. The quiz will be conducted in English and Hindi.

The competition will be conducted in the following stages:

Stage	Date	Mode
Regional Round	22, 23 & 24 September 2026	Online
Grand Final	5 November 2026	In-person at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

The quiz and the associated participation mechanism will be hosted through the **official website of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India**, and the relevant details will be made available through the Ministry's website (<https://mnre.gov.in>). Universities, colleges and eligible students may accordingly be requested to follow the official MNRE website for the quiz-related information and participation process.

The initiative will also recognise the top-performing teams through the following awards:

- **First Position – ₹1,00,000/- cash prize**
- **Second Position – ₹60,000/- cash prize**
- **Third Position – ₹40,000/- cash prize**

Appropriate certificates and recognition will also be provided to qualifying and finalist participants, as per the final award and certificate structure.

The Grand Final at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, will bring together qualifying college student teams as part of the wider BRESE 2026 programme.

In view of the national outreach objectives of the initiative, NSEFI would greatly appreciate the support of the **University Grants Commission in disseminating the attached information regarding RE:Think among universities and higher educational institutions across the country through its appropriate communication channels.**

Universities and institutions may kindly be encouraged to share the opportunity with eligible students and facilitate the participation of interested teams.

The participation of students from across the country would significantly strengthen the outreach of the initiative and help foster an informed and engaged generation of young citizens who understand the importance of renewable energy and India's transition towards a cleaner and more sustainable energy future. The detailed concept note is enclosed for kind consideration and necessary dissemination.

Encl: Concept Note

Yours sincerely,



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CONCEPT NOTE

RE:Think — Think Beyond Energy

ऊर्जा मंथन

India's National Renewable Energy Quiz — for Schools, Colleges & Young Professionals

Empowering Young Minds, Powering India's Renewable Future

A National Outreach Programme under Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 (BRESE 2026), Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Submitted To:	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India
Submitted By:	National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI)
Event:	RE:Think — Think Beyond Energy (ऊर्जा मंथन): National Renewable Energy Quiz, under Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 (BRESE 2026), Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Target Group:	School students (Class 9–12), college students and young professionals (upto 30 years), pan-India

1. Topic

RE:Think — Think Beyond Energy (ऊर्जा मंथन): a national renewable energy quiz for school students, college students and young professionals, proposed by NSEFI as a Knowledge Partner contribution under Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 (BRESE 2026).

2. Introduction

Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 (BRESE 2026) is MNRE's flagship global platform, carrying forward the legacy of the earlier RE-Invest series (2015, 2018, 2020 and 2024) under a renewed identity. It will be held from 2 to 5 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, bringing together global leaders, policymakers, investors and innovators on a single stage.

BRESE 2026 provides a national platform to bring young people into India's renewable energy transition. RE:Think is designed as an accessible, engaging and pan-India quiz that connects school students, college students and young professionals with renewable energy, climate action and India's clean-energy ambitions.

3. Objectives

- To build awareness, knowledge and curiosity about renewable energy, climate change and India's clean energy transition among school students, college students and young professionals.
- To provide a common national outreach platform while recognising the distinct participation pathways for school students, young professionals and college students.
- To deliver a lean, largely virtual competition through the Regional Round and National Final, culminating in an in-person Grand Final for college students at BRESE 2026.

4. Discussion Points

The competition will comprise Team Registration followed by three stages — Round 1 (Regional), National Final and Grand Final. The Regional Round will bring together school students, college students and young professionals online. The National Final will be conducted online for school students and young professionals, while the Grand Final will be held in person for college students at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Who Can Participate

RE:Think will have three participant groups, with participation pathways as reflected in the event communication:

- School Students — Class 9 to Class 12.
- College Students — Full time (aged 17-25)
- Young Professionals — upto 30 years of age.

Each team shall comprise two (2) participants. Teams shall be formed within the respective participant group — school, college/university or young professionals — and shall be accompanied by one Team Mentor/Coordinator, wherever applicable, who will serve as the point of contact through the competition.

Structure and Levels of the Competition

Level	Format / Participation	Conducted By	Mode	Outcome	Timeline
Team Registration	Teams of 2 from participating schools, colleges/universities and young-professional groups register through the designated registration mechanism.	NSEFI / MNRE	Online	Registered teams confirmed and grouped region-wise and category-wise.	Aug-Sep 2026
Round 1 — Regional	Live Q/A quiz for registered teams from North, West, South, East and North East, conducted through Online.	MNRE/NSEFI	Online	Qualifying teams identified for the subsequent stages as per the approved qualification structure.	22,23 and 24 Sep 2026
National Final	Live Q/A quiz among qualifying School Student and Young Professional teams, conducted through Online.	MNRE/NSEFI	Online	Finalists identified for the relevant categories, as per the approved qualification structure.	13 & 14 Oct 2026
Grand Final	Stage-based final among qualifying College Student teams.	NSEFI / MNRE; professional quiz master / jury	In-person — BRESE 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi	Final ranking and winners among the qualifying college teams.	5 Nov 2026

Regional Grouping

Registered teams shall be grouped into five regions — North, West, South, East and North East — for the online Regional Round. The final list of States/UTs under each region shall be finalised by NSEFI in consultation with MNRE.

Region	Illustrative States / UTs
North	Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh
West	Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu
South	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
East	West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh
North East	Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim

Qualification Across Stages

The Regional Round will be used to identify teams progressing to the subsequent stages. The final qualification criteria and number of qualifying teams for each participant pathway may be finalised by NSEFI in consultation with MNRE, keeping the overall competition manageable and nationally representative.

Stage	Qualification Approach
Round 1 — Regional	Qualification of 3 teams each from the five regions into the subsequent stages, based on the approved quiz rules.
National Final	School Student and Young Professional teams qualifying from the Regional Round compete online.
Grand Final	College Student teams qualifying from the Regional Round compete in person at BRESE 2026.

Registration and Participation Mechanism

- RE:Think will be formally launched at the Curtain Raiser of BRESE 2026, with registration happening on the day of the quiz itself. The quiz will start right after registration.

- ii. Interested teams from schools, colleges/universities and young-professional groups will register through the designated registration mechanism, providing participant details, category/group information and Team Mentor/Coordinator details.
- iii. NSEFI will centrally conduct Round 1 — the Regional Round — online across the five regions using its web site.
- iv. The Regional Round will be conducted on 22, 23 and 24 September 2026. School students, college students and young professionals will participate in this online round.
- v. The National Final will be conducted online on 13 and 14 October 2026 for qualifying school-student and young-professional teams. The qualification structure will be finalised in consultation with MNRE.
- vi. The Grand Final will be conducted on 5 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, as an in-person stage-based competition for qualifying college-student teams.

Quiz Format and Rounds

Round	Format	Purpose
Q/A Round	Please see the attachment “Quiz Rules”	Used in Round 1 (Regional; determines teams progressing to the next stage.
Buzzer Round	Multimedia Rounds	Used in the Grand Final; determines the final ranking among qualifying college-student teams.

Theme and Indicative Syllabus

The theme running through the competition is “Renewable Energy for a Viksit Bharat.” Questions will remain non-technical and accessible, covering renewable energy, India's clean-energy transition, government initiatives, emerging technologies, climate and sustainability, and everyday energy awareness.

Theme Area	Illustrative Topics
Solar Energy	Rooftop solar, solar parks, PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, solar manufacturing (PLI)
Wind, Hydro & Bioenergy	Onshore/offshore wind, small hydro, biomass and waste-to-energy basics
Emerging Technologies	Green hydrogen, battery storage, floating solar, agrivoltaics
Government Schemes	PM-KUSUM, National Green Hydrogen Mission, RE hybrid/storage policies
Climate & Sustainability	Climate change basics, India's NDC and net-zero target, COP commitments
Everyday Energy Awareness	Energy conservation at home and school, carbon footprint, sustainable habits

Language and Venue

The Quiz will be conducted in English. Round 1 (Regional) will be held online on 22, 23 and 24 September 2026. The National Final for school students and young professionals will be held online on 13 and 14 October 2026. The Grand Final for college students will be held in person on 5 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Key Event Dates: Regional Round — 22, 23 and 24 September 2026 (Online); National Final — 13 & 14 October 2026 (Online, School Students and Young Professionals); Grand Final — 5 November 2026 (In-person, College Students, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi).

Implementation Timeline

Period (2026)	Milestone
July 2026	In-principle approval from MNRE; registration mechanism and programme arrangements finalised; sponsor/partner outreach begins.
July/August 2026	RE:Think launched through the BRESE 2026 Curtain Raiser; registration opens and outreach to schools, colleges/universities and young professionals begins.
September 2026	Quiz Publicity Starts; participating teams confirmed and grouped region-wise and category-wise; question bank and online quiz arrangements finalised by NSEFI/MNRE

Period (2026)	Milestone
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22-24 September 2026	Round 1 — Regional Round conducted online for School Students, College Students and Young Professionals.
13–14 October 2026	National Final conducted online for qualifying School Student and Young Professional teams.
5 November 2026	Grand Final conducted in person at BRESE 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, for qualifying College Student teams; results and felicitation.

Awards and Certificates

The competition will provide attractive prizes and recognition for participating schools, colleges and young professionals. The detailed prize structure, certificates and sponsored awards will be finalised in consultation with MNRE and sponsors/partners.

- Winner (1st Position) — Trophy, Certificate of Excellence and Cash Prize/Sponsored Award
- Runner-Up (2nd Position) — Trophy, Certificate of Merit and Cash Prize/Sponsored Award
- 2nd Runner-Up (3rd Position) — Certificate of Merit and Cash Prize/Sponsored Award

All finalist/qualifying participants will be eligible for appropriate certificates and recognition, with the detailed certificate and award structure to be finalised by NSEFI in consultation with MNRE.

MNRE Quiz- Rules

1. MNRE is organizing a Renewable Energy Quiz in conjunction with the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026. The quiz will be held for 3 categories: Class 9-12 school students, College students and Young Professionals.
2. The Quiz will be held in 2 stages: a. Regional Semifinals and b. National Finals. The Finals will be online for Class 9-12 students and Young Professionals and will be offline for College Students.
3. The Regional Semifinals are scheduled to be held either in the third or fourth week of September. The finals will be held in late October and November. The regional semifinal will consist of 50 MCQs on all aspects of renewable energy (i.e. Solar, Wind, Bio, Small Hydro, Green Hydrogen and new forms of renewable energy). Registration is to be done on the day of the quiz itself, with the quiz starting right after registration is completed.
4. Each correct question will carry 1 mark and there is no negative marking. In case of a tie in scores, the time taken to complete the quiz will be the tie-breaker. (The team taking the least time will be given the higher rank)
5. The top 3 teams from each region will advance to the online National Finals (for the School Category and the Young Professionals category) to be held in late October. In the case of the College Students category, only the top team from each region will qualify (total of 5 finalists) for the finals, to be held on November 5 at Bharat Mandapam.
6. No employee, regular or contractual of MNRE, its autonomous institutions, PSUs etc. can participate in the quiz. This quiz is only for non-MNRE teams. No employee of NSEFI is also eligible to participate in the quiz.
7. Use of unfair means is not allowed. Verification of identity will be done and the participants must have a photo ID card.
8. The decision of Secretary, MNRE will be final regarding any disputes related to the quiz.