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INDIAN MEMORY CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

DATE : 14TH November, 2026 | **VENUE :** JNTUH, KUKATPALLY, HYDERABAD

CATEGORIES

KIDS	JUNIORS	ADULTS	SENIORS
AGE 12 YEARS OR UNDER	AGE 13 TO 17 YEARS	AGE 18 TO 59 YEARS	AGE 60 YEARS AND ABOVE

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MULTIPLE RECORD HOLDER

India's Biggest Battle Of Brains

17th Indian National Open Memory Championship 2026

Saturday, 14 November 2026

JNTUH, KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad

10

DISCIPLINES

4

AGE CATEGORIES

100

SEATS ONLY

An Invitation To Compete

Every year, a few hundred Indians discover something surprising about themselves: that memory is not a gift some people are born with. It is a skill, and it can be trained.

The Indian National Open Memory Championship is where that training is tested. On 14 November 2026, in Hyderabad, competitors of every age — children, students, working professionals and grandparents — will sit in the same hall, face the same ten disciplines, and find out exactly what their minds can do.

This is the 17th edition. It is open to everyone; there is no qualifying round and no prior experience needed. A child attempting for the first time competes in the same championship as a competitor preparing for the world stage, each in their own age category.

If you are a parent, this is one day that will tell you more about your child's concentration and confidence than a term of report cards. If you are a teacher or a principal, it is a platform where your students represent your institution at a national event — and bring the techniques back into your classrooms.

We would be glad to see you in Hyderabad.

Dr. P. Srinivas Kumar, PhD

Founder & Director, Indian Memory Sports Academy

**14 November
2026**

SATURDAY

Hyderabad

JNTUH, KUKATPALLY

100 Seats

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

31 October 2026

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE

The People Behind The Championship

The **Indian Memory Sports Council** governs competitive memory sport in India — it sets the rules, appoints the arbiters and maintains the official records.



ORGANISER

Squadron Leader Jayasimha

President, Indian Memory Sports Council

- World's renowned brain coach, multiple Guinness World Record holder
- 25 years of rich experience in education, training and development in the Indian Air Force
- Trained more than 2 million students, teachers and professionals on memory and soft skills, in India and across the globe
- Founder and Director, Jayasimha Mind Education
- Authored 7 best-selling books on memory and life sciences
- Conducting memory championships for the last 15 years

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The National Championship is conducted in affiliation with the **World Memory Sports Council**.

What Is Memory Sport?

Memory sport is a timed competition of recall. A competitor is given material to memorise — a page of random numbers, a deck of playing cards, a sheet of unfamiliar faces — for a fixed number of minutes. The material is then taken away, and the competitor writes down as much as they can remember, in exact order, within a fixed recall time.

Nothing is guessed. Every competitor uses trained technique: turning abstract information into images, placing those images along a familiar route, and walking that route again during recall. The techniques are centuries old, they are teachable, and children often learn them faster than adults do.

A championship covers ten such disciplines in a single day, so nobody wins on one strength alone. The competitor who takes the overall title has to hold up across numbers, words, faces, cards, dates and images.

Where It Leads

Taking part in IMC 2026 makes a competitor eligible to compete at the **World Memory Championship**. Compete at the national championship, take your place among India's competitors, and go on to represent India at the world level.

The Indian Ranking

The Indian Memory Sports Council maintains a **national ranking of Indian memory athletes**. Every competitor's scores at the national championship enter that ranking — so a first championship is not only a day out, it is an entry into the record of the sport in India.

The ranking is updated after each national championship.



The 35th World Memory Championship

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam · 11 – 13
December 2026

OPEN TO COMPETITORS OF
IMC 2026

Memory Championships Worldwide

National memory championships are held across Asia and beyond, all under the same ten disciplines and the same rules. India competes in the same sport, to the same standard.



CHINA



HONG KONG



MALAYSIA



KOREA



PAKISTAN



MONGOLIA



VIETNAM



PHILIPPINES

Ten Disciplines. One Standard. Every Country.

The championship you enter in Hyderabad is the same competition being run in halls from Ulaanbaatar to Manila.

WHERE OUR COMPETITORS GO

India At The World Stage



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Council



**MALAYSIA AND THE
PHILIPPINES**
With the presidents of both
councils



GUNTHER KARSTEN
Author and International Memory
Champion



THE GLOBAL FINAL



SUPER BRAIN SHOW
Indians on China's biggest brain show

Why Take Part

For Your Child

- ✓ **Concentration that holds.** Memorising forty digits in five minutes is impossible while distracted. Children learn to hold attention because the task demands it.
- ✓ **A method for schoolwork.** The same technique that stores a deck of cards stores dates, formulae, spellings and vocabulary.
- ✓ **Confidence that is earned.** A score is honest. A child who beats their own previous score knows the improvement is theirs.
- ✓ **A level field.** Memory sport does not favour height, strength or expensive equipment. It rewards practice.
- ✓ **Composure under pressure.** A clock, a hall full of competitors, an official calling "Stop" — good preparation for every examination that follows.
- ✓ **Something to belong to.** Competitors meet others their own age, from across India, who take the same practice seriously.

For Your School

- ✓ **A national platform.** Your students compete at an all-India championship in Hyderabad, in their own age categories.
- ✓ **Recognition for the institution.** A certificate is issued to the school whose students take part.
- ✓ **Technique your teachers can use.** The methods competitors train with are classroom methods — teachers who come along see them at work all day.
- ✓ **A measurable outcome.** Unlike most enrichment activities, this one ends in a score, a ranking and a certificate.
- ✓ **No minimum number.** A school may send one student or many; each registers individually.
- ✓ **Training support.** IMSA can guide teachers and students preparing for the championship.

EVERYTHING ON ONE PAGE

IMC 2026 At A Glance

Championship	17th Indian National Open Memory Championship 2026
Date	Saturday, 14 November 2026
Reporting time	7:00 am
Venue	JNTUH, KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad
Format	One-day championship, 10 disciplines
Open to	Everyone — Kids, Juniors, Adults and Seniors
Seats	100 only, first come first served
Registration fee	₹6,000 + 18% GST = ₹7,080 per competitor
Registrations close	31 October 2026, or earlier once 100 seats are filled
Awards	Medals in every discipline, 15 trophies, certificates for all
Leads to	Eligibility for the World Memory Championship, Vietnam, December 2026
Organised by	Indian Memory Sports Council, in association with the Indian Memory Sports Academy

100

SEATS ONLY

10

RESERVED FOR
SENIORS

15

TROPHIES

Register At memorysportsindia.com/imc-2026/

Registrations close on 31 October 2026, or earlier once all 100 seats are filled.

Who Can Take Part

The championship is open to all ages. There is no entrance test and no qualifying round. Your category is decided by your **year of birth** alone.



Kids

12 years and under
Born in 2014 or after



Juniors

13 – 17 years
Born between 2009
and 2013



Adults

18 – 59 years
Born between 1967
and 2008



Seniors

60 years and above
Born in 1966 or
before

Age Proof

Every competitor uploads a valid age proof with the registration form — a birth certificate, school ID or masked Aadhaar — and brings the original to the venue for verification at check-in.

10 seats are reserved for the Senior category until 30 September 2026.

Any of those seats left unused are released to all categories after that date.

This May Be Your Last Chance

From next year, IMSC is completely reorganising the way competitors reach the national championship. **2026 may be the last year in which you can enter the Nationals directly.**

The 10 Disciplines

Every discipline has two stages: **memorisation**, when you study the material for a fixed time, and **recall**, when you write down what you remember. Recall time is always longer than memorisation time.

01

**Names & Faces**

Colour photographs with a first name and a surname

5 min

MEMORISE

15 min

RECALL

02

0101
1010
1101**Binary Numbers**

Rows of 30 ones and zeros, 25 rows to a page

5 min

MEMORISE

15 min

RECALL

03

123

Random Numbers

Rows of 40 digits, 25 rows to a page

15 min

MEMORISE

30 min

RECALL

04

**Abstract Images**

Rows of five abstract shapes, 10 rows to a page

15 min

MEMORISE

30 min

RECALL

05

**Speed Numbers**

Rows of 40 digits, against the clock — two trials

5 min

MEMORISE

15 min

RECALL

06



Historic & Future Dates

40 invented events with years from 1000 to 2099

5 min
MEMORISE

15 min
RECALL

07



Random Playing Cards

As many shuffled decks as you can hold

10 min
MEMORISE

30 min
RECALL

08



Random Words

Columns of 20 unrelated words

5 min
MEMORISE

15 min
RECALL

09



Spoken Numbers

Digits read aloud at one a second — two trials

100 / 300 sec
MEMORISE

5 / 15 min
RECALL

10



Speed Cards

One shuffled deck, as fast as you can — two trials

5 min
MEMORISE

5 min
RECALL

Worth Knowing Before The Day

- In the disciplines with two trials, your better trial counts.
- In Spoken Numbers, nothing may be written while the recording plays.
- In Speed Cards, memorisation time is recorded — when scores are tied, the faster memorisation wins.
- The quantity of material given in each discipline is set above the current world record, so no competitor runs out of material.

7:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

Championship Day

An indicative schedule. Final timings are sent to registered competitors before the championship.

Time	Event	Memorise	Recall
7:00 – 8:00 am	Registration and check-in	—	—
8:00 – 8:30 am	Opening Ceremony	—	—
8:30 – 9:00 am	Names & Faces	5 min	15 min
9:00 – 9:45 am	Binary Numbers	5 min	15 min
9:45 – 10:15 am	Speed Numbers (Trial 1)	5 min	15 min
10:15 – 10:45 am	Tea Break	—	—
10:45 – 11:15 am	Random Words	5 min	15 min
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Abstract Images	15 min	30 min
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Random Playing Cards	10 min	30 min
1:15 – 2:00 pm	Speed Numbers (Trial 2)	5 min	15 min
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Lunch Break	—	—
2:45 – 3:45 pm	Random Numbers	15 min	30 min
3:45 – 4:15 pm	Historic & Future Dates	5 min	15 min
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Spoken Numbers (Trial 1)	100 sec	5 min
4:30 – 4:45 pm	Spoken Numbers (Trial 2)	300 sec	15 min
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Speed Cards (Trial 1)	5 min	5 min
5:00 – 5:15 pm	Speed Cards (Trial 2)	5 min	5 min
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Tea Break	—	—
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Closing Ceremony, final results, trophies, medals and certificates	—	—
9:00 pm	Departure	—	—

It is a long day. Competitors report at **7:00 am** and should plan their return travel for after **9:00 pm**. Lunch and refreshments are provided for competitors.

Prominent guests and media personnel are expected to attend the opening and closing ceremonies.

How You Are Scored

Each discipline has its own scoring. In outline:

Discipline	How Points Are Given
Names & Faces	1 point for every correct name
Binary Numbers	30 points a row; one mistake in a row halves it, two mistakes lose it
Random Numbers	40 points a row; one mistake halves it, two mistakes lose it
Speed Numbers	40 points a row, same rule; the better of the two trials counts
Random Words	1 point a word; one mistake in a column halves it, two lose it; spelling errors are penalised
Abstract Images	5 points for a correct row, minus 1 for a wrong one
Historic & Future Dates	1 point for every correct year, minus half a point for a wrong one
Random Playing Cards	52 points for a full deck; one mistake halves that deck, two lose it
Spoken Numbers	1 point a digit, counted up to your first mistake
Speed Cards	1 point for every correctly placed card; counting stops at the first mistake

Nothing Is Lost For What You Leave Out

A row or column you never attempted costs you no points — so attempt only what you can hold.

Ties

Ties are broken by each discipline's own rule — usually by counting the correct answers inside rows you attempted but scored zero on.

The Full Rules

The complete scoring rules, with examples and all tie-break rules, are published separately in the **IMC 2026 Scoring Guide** at memorysportsindia.com/imc-2026/

Medals, Trophies & Certificates

Medals are awarded for the 1st to 10th positions in **each discipline**, both in the Overall Championship and within each age category.

Medal Eligibility

- ✓ A minimum of 20 competitors in a category is required for the full Top 10 medals to be awarded.
- ✓ If fewer than 20 compete in a category, medals are limited to 50% of the competitors, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

Number Of Competitors	Medals Awarded
16	Top 8
12	Top 6
9	Top 5



Trophies — 15 In All

1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in the **Overall Championship** and in the **Kids, Junior, Adult and Senior** categories.



Indian National Memory Champion – 2026

The title carried by the winner of the Overall Championship.

Certificates

Every competitor receives a certificate of participation. A certificate is also issued to the school or institution whose students take part.

How To Register

- 1 **Fill the online registration form.** It asks for the competitor's details, a photograph, an age proof, and your choices for the T-shirt and tracing sheets.
- 2 **Wait for the review.** Every application is reviewed by the organisers. Submitting the form does not confirm a seat.
- 3 **Receive your invoice.** Approved applicants are emailed an invoice with an online payment link.
- 4 **Pay within 3 days.** If payment is not received within 3 days, the approval may lapse and the seat may be offered to someone else.
- 5 **Your seat is confirmed.** You receive a confirmation email, and the detailed schedule and instructions follow before the championship.

The Fee

₹7,080

₹6,000 + 18% GST, per competitor

Included: participation in all 10 disciplines · the event T-shirt · the participant kit (ID badge, tracing sheets and stationery) · lunch and refreshments on championship day · certificate

Not included: travel · accommodation · food for accompanying guests · the day-after outing

Seats & Deadlines

- ✓ **100 seats only**, first come first served
- ✓ **10 seats reserved for Seniors** until 30 September 2026
- ✓ **Registrations close on 31 October 2026** — or earlier, the moment 100 seats are filled
- ✓ No registration is accepted after 31 October, even if seats remain

The fee is **non-refundable and non-transferable**. For competitors under 18, the invoice is issued in the parent's or guardian's name. GST invoices are issued by the Indian Memory Sports Foundation.

Register Now

memorysportsindia.com/imc-2026/



SCAN TO REGISTER

Prepare For The Day

Bring

- ✓ The original of the age proof you uploaded
- ✓ Your own pens, pencils, eraser and sharpener
- ✓ A plain water bottle, without labels or writing
- ✓ Ear plugs or ear defenders if you use them — non-electronic only

Leave Outside The Hall

- Mobile phones, smart watches, fitness bands, earphones, calculators, any electronic device
- Notes, books, papers or any written material other than what the officials hand you
- A watch is not needed — the time is announced and displayed by the officials

Not allowed during a discipline: talking, signalling or communicating with anyone · leaving your seat without an official's permission · starting before "Start" is called, or writing after "Stop".

About Tracing Sheets

For Random Numbers, Speed Numbers and Binary Numbers you are given a **tracing sheet** — a transparent sheet with lines already drawn on it, which you lay over the memorisation page so the digits are grouped the way you train.

You choose the grouping in the registration form: a line after every **2 or 4 digits** for numbers, and after every **3 or 6 digits** for binary. Choose the grouping you actually practise with.

In The Weeks Before

- Practise under a clock, with the same memorisation and recall times as the championship.
- Read the scoring rules of each discipline before the day — knowing when to stop attempting is worth points.
- Sleep well the night before. It is a fourteen-hour day.

For Parents & Guardians

Kids Category

Born 2014 or after

A parent or guardian must stay at the venue throughout the championship.

Juniors Category

Born 2009 – 2013

A parent or guardian may drop the competitor at check-in, must be reachable by phone through the day, and must collect them at the end.

Guests

You tell us in the registration form how many guests are coming with you; please bring only that number. Guests are not allowed inside the competition hall while disciplines are in progress, and instructions on where to wait are given on the day. Guests are welcome at the Awards and Closing Ceremony.

Food

Lunch and refreshments are provided for competitors. Guests can buy lunch at the venue.

Safety & Health

Tell us before the championship about any medical condition the officials should know of. An emergency contact is part of the registration form.

Photographs

Photographs and videos are taken during the day and are used to publish results and to promote memory sport — only where consent has been given in the registration form. For a competitor under 18 that consent is given by the parent or guardian, and it can be withdrawn at any time by writing to support@memorysportsindia.com.

Long silences, a hall of bowed heads, officials calling time — and at the end of it, a child who has found out what they are capable of.

For Schools & Teachers

Why Send Your Students

The championship is a national event, open to every age group and judged on a score and nothing else. For a school it is a rare enrichment activity that ends in something concrete: a ranking, a medal and a certificate.

What The School Receives

A certificate is issued to the institution whose students take part. Students' results are published with their names in the official records of Indian memory sport.

How To Send Students

Each student registers individually through the online form and pays the registration fee of ₹7,080. There is no minimum number of students — a school may send one student or several.

Teachers Are Welcome

Teachers accompanying students are registered as guests on the student's form, and the Awards and Closing Ceremony is open to them.

Training Support

IMSA trains competitors and coaches in memory technique, and can guide schools preparing students or bringing memory technique into their classrooms.

Talk To Us

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Venue, Travel & Stay

JNTUH, KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad

Reporting time **7:00 am**. The exact hall inside the campus is communicated to registered competitors before the championship.

By Metro

The nearest stations are **KPHB Colony** and **JNTU College**, both within easy reach of the campus.

By Road

JNTUH is one of Kukatpally's best-known landmarks and is easy to reach from anywhere in the city.

If You Are Travelling From Outside Hyderabad

A list of hotels near the venue is shared with registered competitors once their seat is confirmed. Travel and accommodation are arranged and paid for by competitors themselves.

The Day After — Ramoji Film City

An optional outing to Ramoji Film City is organised on **Sunday, 15 November 2026**, the day after the championship. It is separate from the championship and costs about **₹2,000 per person**, paid separately. The registration form asks whether you are interested; details and payment instructions are shared later with those who say yes.

Quick Answers

Do I need previous experience?

No. The championship is open to everyone, and many competitors compete for the first time.

How old must my child be?

There is no minimum age. Children born in 2014 or after compete in the Kids category.

Which category am I in?

It is decided by your year of birth alone — see page 9.

Is there a qualifying round?

No. Register, and once your application is approved and paid, you compete.

What if I am good at only a few disciplines?

You still take part in all ten. Nothing is lost by attempting less in a discipline you find hard.

Can I use my own technique?

Yes. Any memory technique is allowed. Only outside help and electronic devices are not.

What if I fall ill and cannot come?

The fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. Please tell us as early as you can.

Will the results be published?

Yes — names, categories, scores and rankings are published on the website, on social media and in the official records.

Can parents watch the disciplines?

No. Guests wait outside the competition hall and join the Awards and Closing Ceremony.

When do I get the detailed schedule?

After your seat is confirmed, before the championship.

Is the competition material in English?

Yes.

Where do I read the full rules?

Terms: memorysportsindia.com/imc-2026-terms/ ·
Instructions: memorysportsindia.com/imc-2026-instructions/ · More questions:
memorysportsindia.com/faq/

The Championship In Pictures



Partner With IMC 2026

The Indian National Open Memory Championship brings 100 competitors and their families together in Hyderabad for a full day, and reaches a far wider audience of students, parents, schools and trainers across India through the championship's coverage.

Who You Reach

Students and their parents · schools, colleges and academies · teachers and trainers · professionals and senior citizens who follow memory training · the memory sport community in India and abroad

Ways To Partner

- **Title partner** — the championship name and all its communication
- **Category partner** — one of the four age categories
- **Discipline partner** — one of the ten disciplines
- **Kit and T-shirt partner** — the competitor kit and event T-shirt
- **Venue partner** — banners, stage and signage
- **Awards partner** — the medals, trophies and certificates
- **Hospitality partner** — refreshments and lunch
- **Digital partner** — the championship page, social media and result announcements

A partnership can also be **in kind** — materials, printing, refreshments, photography, travel or venue support.

To Discuss A Partnership

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Are You Ready To Challenge Your Memory?

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REGISTER NOW

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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 31 OCTOBER 2026

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