



34th Prof. Brahm Prakash Memorial Materials Quiz 2026

September 18-19, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT



**Organised
by
IIM Kalpakkam Chapter
Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research
Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu**

About BPMMQ

In 1990, the Kalpakkam chapter of the Indian Institute of Metals (IIM) held its first materials quiz for school students. The quiz was intended to stimulate curiosity and cultivate appreciation among students for materials that have shaped our lives for millennia.

The quiz was named as Prof. Brahm Prakash Memorial Materials Quiz (BPMMQ) in 1993, in honour of India's illustrious metallurgist. Since then, the BPMMQ has evolved into a premier nationwide event, attracting over 120 students annually.

Join us at Kalpakkam this year during Sep. 18-19, 2026 for BPMMQ -2026, where you will not only challenge your knowledge but also get an exclusive glimpse of nuclear reactors and research facilities.

Here's your chance to shine among the nation's brightest and create memories that will last a lifetime !

Metal Camp (Sept. 18, 2026)

During BPMMQ-2026, students will also participate in the Metal Camp, an exciting visit to various iconic facilities such as the Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) and associated research facilities. This immersive visit will be an invaluable experience for aspiring scientists, offering firsthand insights into the working of nuclear reactors and the forefront of research in materials science.

Quiz programme (Sept. 19, 2026)

- Each team shall consist of **two students** of class XI and XII only.
- Maximum **three teams** are allowed per chapter. Only **one escort** per chapter is allowed to accompany the students.
- The confirmation of the participation and number of teams shall be sent to **bpmmqkalpakkam@gmail.com**.
- Online registration forms along with the details of participants /escorts, scan copy of ID cards (preferably Aadhar) and travel itinerary shall be submitted by IIM Chapter Representatives not later than **Aug. 25, 2026**.

Essay & elocution contest

BPMMQ-2026 features an Essay and Elocution contest, **open only for quiz participants**. BPMMQ-2026 quiz participants are invited to express their innovative views and ideas on one of the following topics:

- **Developing a circular economy for materials in India**
- **Beyond lithium: Batteries of the future**
- **Rare-earth metals: Significance and Indian Scenario**

The soft copy of the essay **must be forwarded only by the respective chapter** through email to **bpmmqkalpakkam@gmail.com** on or before **Aug. 28, 2026**.

Essay Format: *Will be shared soon at www.bpmmq.in*

Evaluation: Essays will be assessed, among other criteria, for originality, comprehensiveness of coverage of topic and novel ideas presented. To qualify, essays must pass plagiarism checks (>10% will be disqualified).

Elocution Contest: A total of **8 best essays** selected by the jury will be invited for the elocution contest on **Sept. 18, 2026**.

Awards

The winner team and runner-up team of **BPMMQ-2026** will receive the **Awards** with prize money of Rs. **15,000/-** and Rs. **10,000/-** respectively at valedictory function of BPMMQ-2025 in Kalpakkam on **Sep. 19, 2026**, and the remainder at the IIM Awards Ceremony during IIM Annual Technical Meeting, 2026.

Additionally, all the finalists will receive exciting gifts.

The winner and two runners-up of **elocution contest** will receive a cash prize of Rs. **10,000/-** and Rs. **5,000/-** respectively.

Quiz Prize Details

Winner Team	Rs. 30,000/-
Runner-up Team	Rs. 20,000/-

Elocution Prize Details

Winner	Rs. 10,000/-
Runner-up (2 Nos.)	Rs. 5,000/-

Prof. Brahm Prakash Memorial Materials Lecture



The Prof. Brahm Prakash Memorial Lecture-2026 will be delivered by **Dr. Komal Kapoor**, Chairman and Chief Executive of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC) and CMD, Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), Hyderabad.

Dr. Komal Kapoor is an internationally renowned scientist with extensive contributions to the national strategic sectors, including the Indian nuclear power programme, the Indian defense sector and the Indian space sector.

Dr. Kapoor is also the President of the Indian Institute of Metals.

Website

All updates about BPMMQ-2026 will be shared at our website:

www.bpmmq.in

The website will contain preparation tips, details about Essay/Elocution contest, updates about Metal Camp, as well as glimpses from previous editions of BPMMQ.

Accommodation & local transport

All students and one escort per IIM Chapter will be accommodated in the beautiful and serene coastal town of Kalpakkam. Kalpakkam is situated 75 km from Chennai and less than 20 km from the UNESCO World Heritage site of Mamallapuram. IIM Kalpakkam chapter will arrange for pick-up and drop of registered participants/escorts from/to Chennai Railway station/Airport.

Local transport schedules will be updated in due time.

Important Dates

Last date for registration from chapters

Aug. 25, 2026

Last date for submission of essays

Aug. 28, 2026

Elocution and Metal Camp

Sept. 18, 2026

Quiz (BPMMQ)

Sept. 19, 2026

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