

Interschool Bowling Showdown Sparks Thrills and Team Spirit!

In a remarkable initiative to foster student engagement and friendly competition, Phoenix Bowling Tournament in collaboration with Puno Advance and Times NIE, was started on September 2. The event saw an overwhelming response from across Pune, with 48 schools enthusiastically participating. Each school was represented by a team of six skilled students, all vying for the top honours at Phoenix Marketcity's state-of-the-art Puno Advance Entertainment Centre.



A MONTH OF BOWLING THRILLS

September turned out to be a thrilling month for the young participants, as the bowling competition took place for four weeks, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. These action-packed sessions ran from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., filling the first half of the day with intense bowling matches. The competition kicked off with elimination rounds, filtering out the best from the rest. The first week saw 12 schools being selected for the semi-finals. The excitement didn't end there; out of these 12 semi-finalists, only three schools made it to the grand finals based on their scores.

ELIMINATION TO EXCELLENCE: THE FINAL SHOWDOWN

As the competition progressed; the students' enthusiasm was infectious. Each participant gave their best, and the energy was palpable as schools battled to secure a place in the finals. The final round was a true test of skill, concentration, and teamwork, with six schools contending for the ultimate prize.

CROWNING THE CHAMPIONS

After four weeks of nerve-wracking rounds, the winners were finally declared.



Abhinav Public School & Jr College won the 1st position



Prodigy Public School students marked 2nd position



APS, Khadki, students team marked 3rd position



Students cheering teams and showing team spirit

12 Semi-finalists of the Interschool Bowling Competition

R & DE (Engrs) School

Zeal School

Indian Education Academy, J S Tyagi High School

Neuron Labs School

JSPM's Prodigy Public School

Master Mind Global School

Cambridge International School

Blue Ridge Public School

Abasaheb Atre English Medium School

Vidya Pratishthan's Nanded City Public School

Army Public School, Khadki

Abhinav Public School & Jr College

WHAT THE CHAMPIONS HAD TO SAY

The joy and excitement of the winning teams were unmistakable. Students shared their experiences, expressing gratitude for the opportunity and pride in their achievements.

WINNERS

Participating in the interschool bowling competition for the first time has been an unforgettable experience for me. From the moment we arrived, the warm hospitality and meticulous arrangements by Times NIE made the entire event incredibly enjoyable. Winning the prestigious trophy for my school fills me with immense pride and joy, and this achievement will always hold a special place in my heart. I'm grateful for this remarkable opportunity!

Touseef Rehman, class IX of Abhinav Public School & Jr College

Participating in this competition for the first time as a team of six was an incredible and enriching experience for all of us. We learned so much, not just about the game, but also about teamwork, perseverance, and strategy. The Times NIE team played a huge role in making the event so enjoyable—they were extremely supportive, ensuring everything ran smoothly. We're already looking forward to the next competition and are determined to achieve greater success.

Abhinav Singh, class X, Abhinav Public School & Jr College

FIRST RUNNERS-UP

Participating in the bowling competition at Puno was a remarkable experience that resonated with everyone involved. This unique event deserves to become an annual tradition, allowing more students to participate and share in the joy. Achieving 2nd place out of 48 schools filled us with immense pride, and representing our school on such a distinguished platform is a memory we will treasure forever! something we will cherish forever!

Anuj bhandari, class IX, JSPM's Prodigy Public School

The event was extremely well-organised, with the organisers ensuring fairness in every round, making the competition even more enjoyable. I want to participate every year in such kinds of events. Regular refreshments were thoughtfully provided, keeping our energy levels high throughout the day. It was a truly unique event, and we hope it becomes an annual tradition so more students can participate and enjoy. Thank you Times NIE.

Pavitraraj Jadhav, class IX, JSPM's Prodigy Public School

SECOND RUNNERS-UP

Attending the bowling competition at Puno was an unforgettable experience that left a lasting impression on all of us. Regular refreshments were thoughtfully provided. It was a truly unique event, and we hope it becomes an annual tradition so more students can participate and enjoy. Finishing third out of 48 schools filled us with immense pride, and representing our school on such a prestigious platform is something we will cherish forever!

Shanae Junghael, class IX, Army Public School, Khadki

In the days leading up to the competition, we put in a lot of effort to prepare, practicing regularly to hone our bowling skills and working together as a team. The experience was further enhanced by the seamless organisation, and we are truly grateful to Times NIE for arranging this wonderful event, especially for school children. It was an exciting opportunity that brought schools together, helping us learn and grow. We look forward to participate next year too.

Vansh Ahlawat, class IX, Army Public School, Khadki

Educators Reflect on Success

The Times NIE Bowling Competition provided an incredible platform for students to showcase their talent, build confidence, and sharpen their concentration. Even with ongoing exams, our students were enthusiastic about participating, balancing both their academics and the competition with remarkable dedication.



Dr. Ashwini Pansare, Principal, Abhinav Public School & Jr College

The event offered them an extraordinary experience, blending fun with valuable life skills like teamwork and focus. Watching them thrive in such a dynamic environment was truly rewarding. I congratulate to all the winners for their exceptional performance and deeply appreciate the Times NIE group for organising such a successful event.



Rupam Jaswal, Principal, Army Public School, Khadki

It has been an incredible experience participating in this interschool competition. This is our first time competing at Phoenix Mall, in an event wonderfully organised by Times NIE. We are thrilled to have been part of such a vibrant competition. Being runners-up in our debut participation is an achievement we are extremely proud of.



Dhananjay Jadhav, Sports Teacher, JSPM's Prodigy Public School

PUNO Advance and Phoenix Marketcity: Redefining Entertainment with Thrill

PUNO Advance, located in Phoenix Marketcity, Pune, is transforming the way people experience entertainment by offering an array of thrilling activities that cater to all age groups. Whether it's engaging in virtual reality (VR) games, classic arcade challenges, interactive bowling, or the VEX adventure, PUNO delivers a unique blend of fun, learning, and adventure. It even features a junior play arena, ensuring there's something for everyone—making it the ultimate destination for families, students, and adventure lovers. Speaking about a recent event held at PUNO, the company's CEO, Pankaj Agarwal, shared his enthusiasm:

"It was a great tournament, and we were thrilled to see how the children balanced their academics with this exciting sporting event. Bowling, in particular, offers much more than just entertainment. It helps children develop essential skills such as concentration, teamwork, and decision-making. We believe such activities are vital in fostering a holistic learning experience for young minds."

PUNO Advance isn't just about entertainment; it's a venue for community engagement, as showcased during the Phoenix Interschool Bowling Tournament. This event brought together over 380 young, enthusiastic participants from more than 50 schools. The tournament was a success, offering students the opportunity to compete

while enjoying the immersive environment PUNO provides.

Phoenix Marketcity: A Hub for Community Engagement

Mr. Anshuman Bharadwaj, Centre Director of Phoenix Marketcity, expressed his pride in hosting such an event:

"We are thrilled to have successfully hosted the Phoenix Interschool Bowling Tournament, bringing together over 380 enthusiastic young participants. It was a delight to witness their energy and talent in a spirit of healthy compe-



tion. We are grateful to PUNO Advance for providing an incredible venue and hospitality and to Times NIE for their invaluable support in engaging students. Together, we aim to create more such platforms that inspire young minds and strengthen community spirit."

With its engaging activities and community-centric events, PUNO Advance continues to solidify its position as a premier destination for



entertainment, learning, and fun in Pune.