Bengaluru, Aug 8-9, 2026 – The National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM), in collaboration with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), successfully conducted the **Southern Regional Round of the National Financial Literacy Quiz (NFLQ) 2026** at the RNS Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, on August 8 and 9. The two-day event brought together undergraduate and postgraduate students from **Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka & Telangana** who competed in an interactive format covering financial markets, investment principles, investor protection and responsible financial practices.

The Bengaluru round marks the **third southern regional round of NFLQ 2026**, following the **Western Regional Round held in Mumbai** and the **Northern Regional Round held in New Delhi**. The nationwide initiative received participation from more than **4 lakh students** in the college and online qualifying rounds. Based on their performance, leading teams progressed to the regional rounds being held across the **Eastern, Southern, Northern, Central, Western and North-Eastern** regions of India.

NFLQ 2026 is part of NISM's broader outreach programme aimed at strengthening students' understanding of the securities market and encouraging informed financial decision-making. The quiz covers areas including financial products, market mechanisms, investor rights, regulations and the role of market intermediaries, helping participants develop practical knowledge of India's financial ecosystem. The initiative is being conducted from July to September 2026, with regional rounds scheduled across Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Guwahati and Kolkata. The top-performing teams from these rounds will advance to the National Finale in November 2026, where they will compete for national honors at the NISM Campus, Patalganga, Rasayani, Maharashtra.

The Grand Finale will be held at NISM Campus, Patalganga, Rasayani, Maharashtra, where the top-performing teams from across the country will compete for national honors.

Prizes for Top three winners in each category of the regional rounds:

Undergraduate Category:

- 1st Prize – Rs. 40,000/- Department of Computer Science, Shri Gnanambica Degree College (Autonomous), Madanapalli
- 2nd Prize – Rs. 30,000/- Department of Commerce, New Horizon College, Bengaluru
- 3rd Prize – Rs. 20,000/- Department of Business Management & Commerce, St. Pious X Degree and PG College for Women, Secunderabad

Postgraduate Category:

- 1st Prize – Rs. 40,000/- Department of Management, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Hyderabad\
- 2nd Prize – Rs. 30,000/- PGDM, ICBM – School of Business Excellence, Hyderabad
- 3rd Prize – Rs. 20,000/- Department of Centre for Budget Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi

Additionally, 12 UG colleges from the Southern Zone qualified to advance to the National Rounds. The list of selected institutions is as follows:

1. Department of Computer Science, Shri Gnanambica Degree College (Autonomous), Madanapalli
2. Department of Commerce, New Horizon College, Bengaluru
3. Department of Business Management & Commerce, St. Pious X Degree and PG College for Women, Secunderabad
4. Department of Commerce, Shri Gnanambica Degree College, Madanapalli
5. Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, A J Institute of Engineering and Technology, Mangaluru
6. Department of Commerce, Sri Krishna Adithya College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
7. Department of Engineering, RNS Institute of Technology, Bengaluru
8. Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Bangalore Institute of Technology, Bengaluru
9. Department of Commerce, Luminous Arts and Science College, Kottakal
10. Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Bonam Ventra Chalamayya Engineering College,Odalarevu
11. Department of Engineering, BVRIT Hyderabad College Of Engineering For Women, Hyderabad (Wild Card)
12. Department of B.COM/ B.SC/ BCA, GM University, Devangere (Wild Card)

There were 12 PG colleges from the Southern Zone qualified to advance to the National Rounds. The list of selected institutions is as follows:

1. Department of Management, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Hyderabad
2. PGDM, ICBM-School of Business Excellence, Hyderabad
3. Department of Centre for Budget Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi
4. Department of Commerce, St. Joseph’s College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru
5. MBA, PSG Institute of Management, Coimbatore
6. Department of MBA, K.S. Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode
7. Department of Finance, Siva Sivani Institute of Management, Hyderabad
8. MBA, Aditya University, Kakinada
9. Department of MBA, RNS Institute of Technology, Bengaluru
10. Department of Management, Thiagarajar School of Management, Madurai
11. MBA, Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering, Bengaluru (Wild Card)
12. MBA, Velammal College of Engineering and Technology, Madurai (Wild Card)