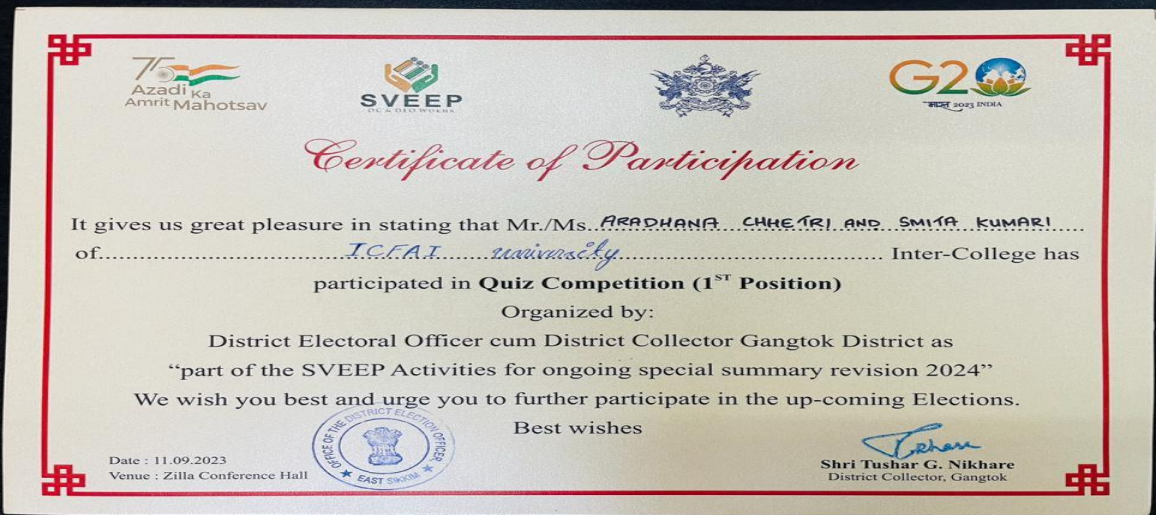


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The Program commenced with a Quiz competition where Mr. Dewakar Basnet was the Quiz master of the day. The competition was among the colleges around Gangtok where The ICFAI University, Burtuk Law College, Burtuk Government College, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Graduate College, and DIET College participated. The Quiz concluded after five rounds of continuous inquiry and answers. The final round witnessed a tie between ICFAI University and Burtuk Law College where Miss Smita Kumari (B.A Pol Sc 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester) and Miss Aradhna Chettri (B.A LLB 9<sup>th</sup> Semester) from The ICFAI University, Sikkim secured First position at a tie break round.

The Chief Guest was captivated with the performance of students and congratulated the winners while addressing the gathering on prioritization on significance of voting and voting rights stating that the voter's percentage has been decreasing at an alarming rate for which awareness programmes need to be organized at cluster level.