

6th Virtual Competition

on
**KAIZEN, POKA - YOKE, SMED
& LOW COST AUTOMATION**

On 23rd & 24th April 2026

KAIZEN

Continuous
Improvement



POKA YOKE

Mistake Proof



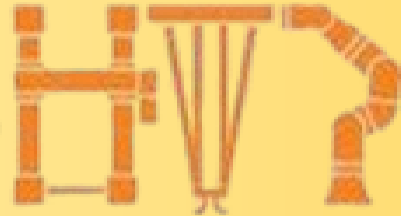
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Introduction

Season's Greetings!

Following the **overwhelming success of the 5th Virtual Kaizen Competition – 2025, Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI), Mumbai Chapter** proudly continues its commitment to supporting organisations in their **continuous improvement journey**.

In today's competitive and rapidly evolving business environment, organisations must constantly strive to **reduce losses, eliminate wastage, improve productivity, and adopt innovative low-cost solutions**. Recognising this need, QCFI Mumbai Chapter is pleased to announce the **6th Virtual Kaizen Competition – 2026**, on **Thursday, 23rd** and **Friday, 24th April 2026**, providing a prestigious platform for organisations to showcase their improvement initiatives and innovative practices.

This competition will focus on the following Quality concepts:

- **Kaizen (Continuous Improvement)**
- **SMED (Single Minute Exchange of Dies)**
- **Poka-Yoke (Mistake Proofing)**
- **Low Cost Automation (LCA)**

About QCFI – Mumbai Chapter

The Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI), Mumbai Chapter has built a strong reputation for organising prestigious conventions, competitions, and knowledge-sharing platforms that promote quality culture, operational excellence, and employee involvement.

Over the years, the Chapter has successfully conducted Kaizen competitions, Quality Circle conventions, and Workshops, enabling organisations to share best practices, benchmark innovative ideas, and strengthen their continuous improvement culture.

The Virtual Kaizen Competition has become a highly respected platform where organisations demonstrate their achievements in productivity improvement, cost reduction, quality enhancement, and innovation.

Objectives

The competition is designed to:

- Provide employees an opportunity to showcase their creativity and improvement initiatives
- Encourage and motivate employees through recognition and rewards
- Create a common platform for exchange of ideas and learning
- Foster a positive and proactive improvement culture within organizations
- Promote continuous improvement practices across industries
- Easy to participate at one's own comfort (from anywhere) as the competition is Virtual





Guidelines

- Virtual competition will be held on **23rd and 24th April 2026**
- Organizations may send any number of Kaizen / Poka-Yoke / SMED / LCA entries for the competition. All of them need to be completed preferably in last financial year (Apr-2025 to Mar-2026)
- Presentation can be in English, Marathi or Hindi
- Nominations to be sent through email, kaizencompetition@yahoo.com along with duly filled Idea Sheet and registration form. (Idea sheet and Registration formats attached)

Guidelines Contd.

- Last date of submitting the (Idea Sheet) entries: **18th April 2026**
- Separate registration form needs to be filled for each Idea Sheet
- Organization Name, Location, Team name and team members' names must correctly be mentioned in full on the registration form and Idea sheet, so as to enter the same correctly in the e-certificate. Corrections in the Certificate will not be entertained afterwards
- Presentation by all teams will be on Virtual Platform only
- **15 teams will be selected on merit from Virtual presentations will be eligible for presenting at a physical competition (CCQC-2026) at a nominal registration fee, to compete for the prestigious Kaizen Champion and Runner up award. The date and venue of this competition will be intimated well in advance of the physical competition**
- Date, time-slot and link of Virtual Presentation will be informed by **20th April 2026**
- **Soft copy size of the case study in PowerPoint format should be up to 25 MB max**
- **Video recorded presentations will not be accepted**
- Presentation time will be **7 minutes** and additional **3 minutes** for Questions and Answers
- Presentation should follow **DMAIC methodology format (Define-Measure-Analyse-Improve-Control)**
- Results of the competition will be informed to the respective organizations on or before **30th April 2026**

Registration

Category	Registration Fees (Rs.)
 Case study from organizations	Rs. 5,000/- + 18% GST For each case study
 Organizations participating with three or more Teams	Rs. 4,000/- + 18% GST For each case study
 MSME Teams	Rs. 2,500/- + 18% GST For each case study
 Students & Educational Institutes	No Fees

Award & Recognition

- All participating teams will get **Gold, Silver or Bronze Trophy** (as applicable) & E - Certificate based on evaluation of Idea-Sheet and presentation (40% marks for Idea Sheet and 60% marks for presentation)
- Top 2 teams of the physical competition will be awarded with “**Kaizen Champion Award**” and “**Kaizen Champion Runners-up Award**” at CCQC - 2026
- **Trophies and E-Certificates will be delivered to the respective organizations**

Payment Details

Payment of Registration fee, adding GST as applicable to be paid by Cheque / DD favouring 'QCFI - Mumbai Chapter, payable @ Mumbai'

** A/c No. 358 2020 100 17197 - Bank Name: Union Bank of India, Branch: Marol Naka, Andheri East, Mumbai, IFSC Code - UBIN0555843

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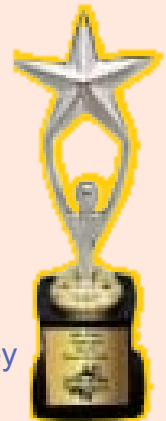
**Additional
Attraction**

KAIZEN STAR AWARD - 2026

FOR INDIVIDUALS



Nominations are invited from all member organizations for **Kaizen Star Award – 2026** from individuals, engaged in Kaizen Journey



Eligibility Criteria Guidelines

- Kaizenee with minimum 10 accepted Kaizen during the year **April 2025 to March 2026** is eligible to participate
- Details to be furnished Name, designation, Title of Kaizen, Date of implementation, Tangible/Intangible benefits in Rupees and also duly signed by the authorized person (Unit Head/ Business Head)
- All eligible participants will receive **E - certificate of excellence**
- **Top 3 nominations** across organizations will be awarded with **Kaizen Star Award trophy and First and Second runner up trophies**
- The winners of **Kaizen Star Award** will be eligible for **50% discount in QCFI Life Membership**
- All participants will be eligible for **25% discount in QCFI life membership**

Get ready to participate and be a Winner!!