

CIA Labs – Communities in Atria

Of the students, for the students, by the students

At CIA Labs, we the students are driven by a simple belief: **Engineering is more than just exams.**

It's creativity, hands-on building, collaboration, and problem-solving – and we're here to bring that spirit back to life. Anybody irrespective of their departmental background or the clubs they belong to can be a part of this community and grow together.

What is CIA Labs?

CIA Labs was once an active and passionate student community at Atria. It stood for innovation, collaboration, and technical growth – building a space where engineering wasn't just studied but *experienced*.

Now, us students are reviving that legacy.

We're rebuilding CIA Labs as a vibrant, student-led community focused on **making engineering fun, practical, and accessible** for every student who wants to explore beyond the classroom. **It's bigger, louder, and 100% student-led.** Just students building with students, for students.

The 20–20–60 Problem

In every engineering college, there are three kinds of learners:

- **20%** who are completely focused on academics and prefer to stay within the classroom learning.
- **20%** who know what they want, actively participating in competitions, building projects, and shaping their own path.
- **60%** who *want* to do something—but don't know *what, how, or when* to start. They're curious, but passive. Talented, but unmotivated.

CIA Labs exists for that 60%.

Our goal is to inspire and guide these students—to turn passive learners into active doers.

Our Vision

To build a student driven based engineering community where:

- Hands-on learning is celebrated.
- Curiosity turns into **collaboration and confidence**.
- Every few months, students get a chance to **create, build, compete, and grow**.

We, as students, want to build a space where **experimentation is encouraged**, where tools and tech are not intimidating but exciting, and where students don't wait for opportunities—they create them.

Our First Competition: Game of Throws

Our revival begins with a bang – or rather, a **launch**.

Game of Throws is a 20 day **trebuchet-building workshop and competition**, where students will:

- Learn how trebuchets work from scratch.
- Get hands-on experience using tools, designing, and building.
- Construct their own cardboard forts.
- Engage in a friendly siege battle to **destroy each other's forts** in a high-energy engineering showdown.

This competition is just the beginning.

We aim to host **regular events**—from mechanical builds to coding challenges to cross-domain collaborations—so that students of all interests and skill levels can participate and grow.

The Movement

CIA Labs is not a club. It's a **community of builders, thinkers, and tinkerers**.

Whether someone is an expert, a beginner, or just curious.

This is the place to explore, experiment, and engineer. Together, we the students want to **revive the spirit of engineering**.

Community Day – More Than Just a Finale

The final showdown of *Game of Throws* won't just be about trebuchets—it's going to be a full-blown **Community Day** celebrating innovation, talent, and student spirit! Here's what's in store:

Talent Showcase

Are you a musician, dancer, artist, or someone with a unique talent? This is your stage! Students who wish to perform or showcase their work can approach the CIA Labs team—we'll make sure you get a platform to shine.

Tech & Club Stalls:

Student clubs from across the college will set up **interactive stalls** to showcase:

- Their existing projects
- Upcoming initiatives
- Recruitment or collaboration opportunities
This is a chance to see what your peers are building and maybe even find your next team or passion project.

Entrepreneurship Corner

Calling all student entrepreneurs!

If you've created a product, art piece, or service—you can set up your own stall and sell it. Whether it's handmade crafts, tech gadgets, or home-baked cookies, **bring your hustle to life**.

Interactive Networking Game – Scan & Connect + Showcase Hub

We're also hosting a **live networking challenge** designed to help you make meaningful connections. Here's how it works:

- Every participant will have a **dynamic QR code**
- When you meet someone new, **scan each other's QR codes**.
- This redirects you to a quiz page—answer a few fun questions about the other person.
- If you answer correctly, **you each earn points**.
- The more people you meet and connect with, the more points you earn.
- A **live leaderboard** will track scores—and the top networkers will **win exciting prizes**.

This will also be a **web-based app**—a live showcase where:

- Clubs and individuals will display their **projects, exhibits, and upcoming ideas**.
- You can explore everything happening on Community Day in real time.
- You'll also see **what others are showing interest in**, giving you ideas on what all you can connect to in real time.

Whether you're competing, connecting, showcasing, or just exploring, **Community Day** is a celebration of everything CIA Labs stands for—**collaboration, creativity, and community**.

Come build, launch, learn, and most importantly—**belong**.