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(Left to right) Vamsy Doddala, Vinay Gowda, Barry Knight, Simon Rice, Shankar and Nick Bermon after a training session

KNIGHT FROM 'DOWN UNDER'



CRICKET coaches from Australia are not only coaching national teams, even some educational institutions have sought their services to help improve standards.

The cricket camp at Jain Global Campus became a great opportunity for all the cricket loving students of Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain College of Engineering to receive expert guidance at the game. A total 125 students studying at various colleges under JGI participated in the five-day camp from Oct 1 to 5.

They were trained by an enthusiastic all-rounder, Barry Knight who was the mentor to many Australian cricketers like Allan Border, Adam Gilchrist, Mark Waugh and Steve Waugh.

Fitness coach Simon Rice gave them practical lessons on how to keep themselves relaxed during and after the game. Nick Berman, Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council, Sydney, Australia was also present at the camp.

The junior Indian cricket team members KL Rahul, Mayank Agarwal and Karun were also part of the

camp.

Rice, who is with Cricket Australia, explained new techniques in fitness and injury prevention and Nick Bermon, the Mayor of Sydney, helped in the fielding department. Vamsy Doddala, who represented Karnataka in the Under-19, 22 & 25 age categories, was the main co-ordinator of this cricket developments programme.

"The college has a strong cricket team which has been winning various titles over the years. During the year 2008-09, the team became the VTU Champions. Every year, the college conducts intra-collegiate T20 championships, which sees enthusiastic aspiring cricketers in one platform. So far six students from the college have represented the University and one has been selected for the state team. One student had also been considered for the IPL tournaments," said UV Shankar, Sports Director, Jain University.

"It is our endeavour to give players the right guidance and exposure so that they improve and bring laurels to the state and the country," he added.

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