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All seated differently



INNOVATIVE The chair which serves as a wardrobe.

The students of Sri Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain College Centre for Interior Design organised a furniture exhibition recently. The furniture was designed and created by students of the third semester interior design. The furniture, is essentially for seating, it also caters to another function or activity.

The theme of the exhibition was *Have a seat please*. There were 60 chairs at the exhibition with each student designing one. The concepts used to make these were unique. Almost all the chairs looked colourful and attractive and each chair looked different. The owner of each chair was excited about their creation and explained the importance of their creation.

Arabhi Ashok's chair would cater to the needs of a florist, according to her design. The chair also has a number of compartments in which all kinds of flowers can be displayed. She says, "I learnt a lot while making this chair, I visited a lot of places to get the materials required to make this. I also learnt how to do welding and it was a lot of fun." The chair resembled a flower which made it more at-

tractive. Yet another chair was designed to help the blind. It was done by Gautami S Rao, who designed it according to the colours which blind people can sense, after a lot of research. The chair also consisted of a box in which they could place their guiding cane. A coffee table was also attached to it. The table also was designed to cater to the needs of the blind. The table has borders which would prevent a coffee mug from falling off the table.

Gautami says, "A lot of research and thinking has gone into this. I spent almost a month to learn what colour a blind person can feel through their touch. I also learnt a lot from the carpenters who worked on my chair."

There were other chairs like swimming chair, wardrobe chair, ladder chair, chairs for children, romance chair, meditation chair and so on. Rhea says, "I was really excited about designing and building my own chair. I thought of a lot of things before designing my chair. It was a great experience, I had lot of fun in the process."