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WHIZKIDS: Winners of Tycoons 2010, a campus leadership hunt

CAMPUS CAPSULE

Tycoons 2010

Bangalore students Nakul P. Sangolli (R.V. College of Engineering), Anirudh S. Hukeri (Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain College of Engineering) and Parth Sheth from Pfizer Limited won the regional finals of Tycoons 2010, a large-scale on-campus leadership hunt that showcases the youth leaders of tomorrow, conducted by education service provider Career Launcher.

Sixteen contestants from Bangalore, Gulbarga, Mysore, Kochi and Chennai contested in the regional finals. The day began with the Bangalore city finals where students were tested on their awareness levels through a written general knowledge test and an on-stage quiz. Four winners from Bangalore along with the winners from Bangalore, Gulbarga, Mysore, Kochi and Chennai began the regional finals with a talent round.

The participants held their ground in front of a wide audience and captivated it through dancing, speeches and songs. In the next round, the contestants were challenged in quick thinking, verbal communication skills and confidence with impromptu speeches on various subjects.

The participants began the final round of the competition with a group debate in which they discussed the real impact of movies such as "3 Idiots" and "Swadesh" on people.

The finalists were also engaged in a role-play where the two teams showcased their negotiation skills from two sides of the boardroom table. The winners took home cash rewards, laptop, mobile phone and ipod and a place in the national finals to be held in July-August in New Delhi.

XIME event

Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship (XIME) will host from March 22 to 25 a conference of MBA students from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS). While academics who

are engaged in the field of management education meet in international fora as a matter of course, it is seldom that MBA students have an opportunity to gather and share their experiences. Gatherings of MBA students from developing countries are fewer still.

The largest contingent in the gathering will be from China, with 16 students. With China and India witnessing impressive growth in management education, students from these countries have evinced keen interest in the opportunity that the conference provides for interaction with their peers from Brazil, Russia and South Africa.

The conference will feature speeches from student delegates, management games with substantial prizes, discussions on themes of interest to future managers and cultural programmes. For more details of the conference, contact: Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship, Hosur Road. Ph: 080-2852 8597 / 98.

EDGE Awards

The prestigious 'Young EDGE Award' for the year 2010 has been conferred on A. Samanta. He received the award at a ceremony organised at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on March 4 from Yash Pal and V.S. Ramamurthy, Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), in the presence of academicians, education policymakers, planners and national and international jury members of the EDGE forum.

The award is in recognition of his commitment to inclusive growth in the field of education and efforts to provide education to the deprived section. He not only transformed a small ITI into a world-class KIIT University (Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology University), but also established Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a residential tribal institute for 10,000 students. The selection committee held Mr. Samanta's experiments in education as unique and felt that, if replicated, it can address some of the core issues faced by the country in the field of education.