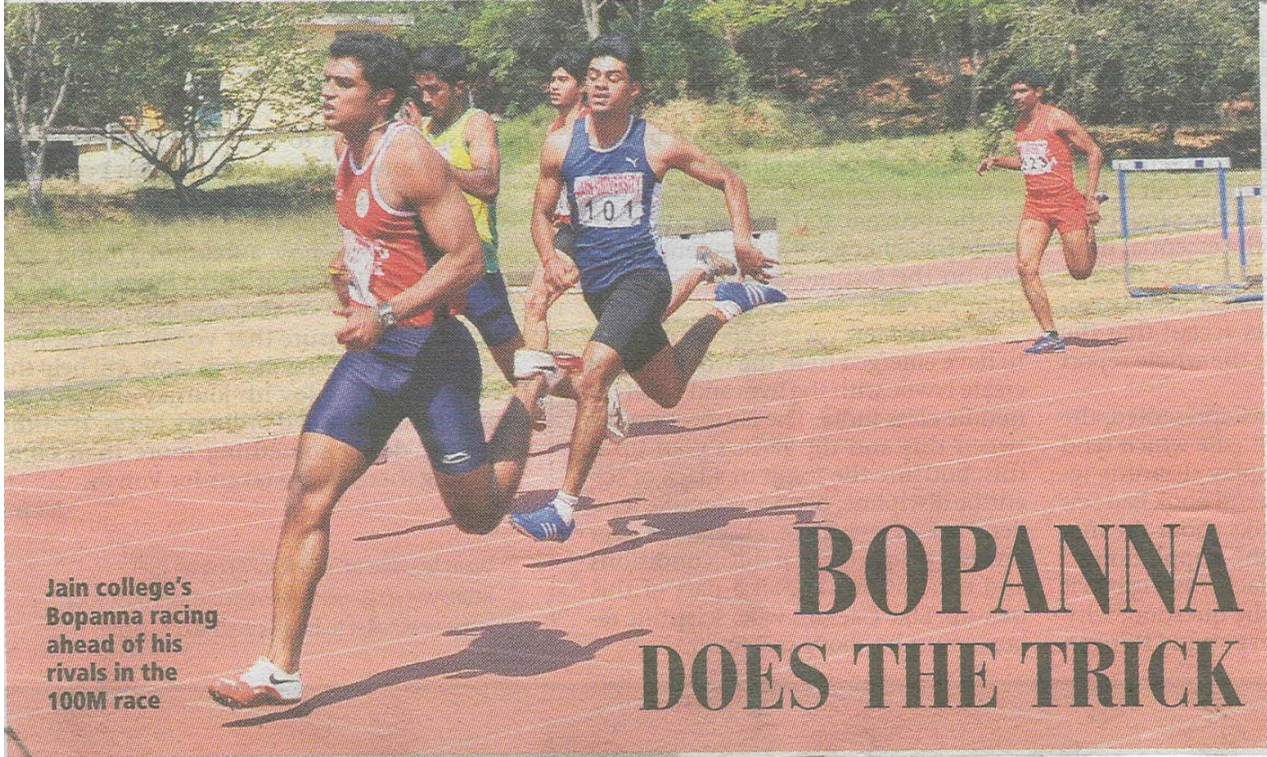


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Jain college's Bopanna racing ahead of his rivals in the 100M race

BOPANNA DOES THE TRICK

BANGALORE: Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain College (SBMJC) won the overall championship on Saturday at the Sports Authority of India grounds in the athletic event of VIE-2010, an annual inter-collegiate sports event conducted by SBMJC.

In the men's section, the hosts shared the honours with Loyola College, Chennai, both teams finishing with an identical 80 points, while in a closely fought women's category Mount Carmel College got the better of the hosts by a single point, finishing with 38 points.

On the final day of the athletics event, GN Bopanna, the trump card of the SBMJC athletic team won the 100M and later on lead his team to the relay gold in the 4x100m. Bopanna, who skipped the 200m event on Friday, finished the sprint event in 10.9 seconds. The 20-year-old who is currently in the Indian camp for the Asian Junior Track and Field meet (2010), however could not better his personal best of 10.5 seconds. The Kodava lad has set his eyes on getting into the Commonwealth Games team and feels a good show in the upcoming Senior Open Nationals will help him achieve the goal.

The women's 100M was won by Prajna S Prakash of Surana college clocking 13.1 seconds. The 16-year-old who is basically a heptathlete later on went on to win the high jump gold, clearing 1.38m.

Alan Gilbert of SBMJC was the surprise winner in the 400m run for boys. The 17-year-old whose is a sprinter happened to be at the starting blocks as a replacement for another runner. "The guy who was supposed to run the race (400m) from my college got injured and to win the team championship I entered the fray," said Alan. The first PUC student was also a member of the 4x100 relay team which won gold.