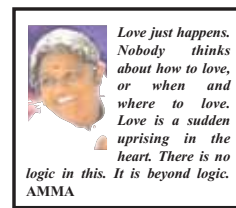


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Look beyond the digits

more than 570 students take part in the National level Tech Fest - Sankhya '08

By
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The much awaited national level tech fest in Amrita Sankhya '08 on 18th October 2008, witnessed an overwhelming response from several institutions like IIT Chennai, PSG college, IIT Allahabad 50 colleges participating in the one-day coding event hosted by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Ettimadai campus. It was the first time in the history of AVV, that the Computer Science Forum (ASCI) and the Mathematics Forum (Anantham) joined their hands for national levels inter collegiate technical festival

For the several participants from various colleges including Amrita, there were eight events held at various venues across the campus. These included Multimedia Events (Electronic arts), paper presentations (Hyperlinked) Math Coding Contests (Math Lab) etc. An online contest which give special focus on time and space, *Codeezeta* was the most attrac-

tive event.

Challenging rounds....

What is the name of a new search engine started by the Google employees? How fast is the Intel Atom Processor for

value to the creativity and knowledge.

Allowing students to contribute.....

"The idea of doing something for the students, sharing something with them... which also allows them to contribute,



guest lectures and presentations were going on....



apply their organizational skills...that was the beginning of Sankhya" said Mr.Somasundharum, Mathematics Dept. "It began as an intra college festival in 2006 and now in 2008 we have conducted it as a national fest. All the credits go to the students who are putting their maximum effort to make it as a successful event. We are thinking of conducting it in an International level in the coming years..." he added.

mobiles going to be?-The Math technical quiz "Gizmo Gyaan" was the center of attention of the show. One of the participants said that "I am not the winner .But iam not sad that I learnt my reading habits should be improved"

An event to find out the next internet super star-Hyperlinked, multimedia event Electronic Arts which demands the creative dexterity through multimedia presentations, animation, audio synthesis were some of the other events which not only entertain the audience but also gave

By the end of the day winners had bagged attractive cash prizes, handy gadgets, sound systems, printers, portable music players.Narendra Nath, IIT Madras, Satya Pardeep, Karunya University were some of the winners.

A guest lecture on 'Cayley Graphs and applications' by Dr.V Swami Nathan, Dean and head of Ramanujan research Centre in mathematics and speech by the vice chancellor Dr.P Venkat Rangan of AVV was very to students.

Sehwag named vice-captain of Indian team

New Delhi, Nov 7 (PTI) Opening batsman Virender Sehwag has been named the vice-captain of the Indian team for the upcoming one-day internationals and Test series against England. The Delhi cricketer is also the vice-captain of the team for the fourth and final Test against Australia after Mahendra Singh Dhoni was elevated to the Test captaincy following the sudden retirement of Anil Kumble.

In the one-dayers, however, Sehwag replaced Yuvraj Singh, who is struggling with his form for sometime now.

"Virender Sehwag will be the vice-captain of the Indian team for the Nagpur Test against Australia, as well as the ODI and Test series against England," BCCI Secretary N Srinivasan said in a statement issued today.England arrived yesterday to play seven ODIs and two Tests in India.PTI

Obama's policies and India's worries

Does a black in the White House necessarily mean good times ahead for India?

OPINION

Anaswara Bhanu

The world is closely watching the changes in America i.e. in its administrative, political and economic front, which are about to happen, after the victory of Barack Obama in the U.S. presidential election. His win means quite a lot to the Americans, as they are eagerly waiting for him to fulfill his promise of renewing the American Dream but India is on guard especially after knowing his policies and plans about the three issues which concerns our nation. One is Obama's interest in interfering in or rather mediating between India and Pakistan on Kashmir issue, two, his policy on outsourcing and three, his stand on countries which have not signed CTBT.

In the first issue even though he has appointed Bill Clinton, a friend of India, as the American "special envoy" on Kashmir, India cannot be happy. The reason is quite obvious. India doesn't encourage or even tolerate a third party intervention in an issue, which she considers is a bilateral one. As the present government had been sleeping with ("sleeping with" has sexual connotations. Do you intend it?) the Bush administration for quite a long period, the only hope for calming this situation down, is a change of government in India also as the elections are due in four-five months.

The second issue is as important to her as the first. India depends heavily on BPOs for job opportunities. Obama is against outsourcing (which he thinks would diminish the chances of Americans getting employed), there could be a vital decrease in the BPO

companies in India. Another hope here is that as the U.S. markets are crashing and companies are on the verge of closure, Obama can rescue them only by allowing them to cut costs. This they can do, only if they depend upon the work force of India or China, who are highly talented at the same time much economical.

The signing of nuclear deal already became a head ache for the ruling party after the conduction of nuclear tests was in question. Now Obama's stand on countries which have not signed the treaty is known to be tough and the after-effect it can make following nuclear tests can be crucial in the relation between India and the U.S. But the sole hope here is Obama's readiness of considering India as a strategic partner. But how far this strategic relation will move forward...well, India has to keep her fingers crossed and hope for the best.

Whether he delivers as he promised is a question of concern but the path in front of him is not smooth. He has to improve the financial condition of America, has to withdraw troops from Iraq, has to ensure tax cuts for working families and a lot more. To prove himself as a man of word and a successful president, he has to have a long journey. What comes to my mind now is a poem written by Robert Frost, which has these lines:

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But I have promises to keep
And miles to go before I sleep
And Miles to go before I sleep"

“Twenty20 can take over One-dayers in the future”: Sony Cheruvathur

He is an extremely talented right arm medium pacer but couldn't make into the Indian Team. But as recognition to his ability and commitment, he was appointed the Captain of Kerala Ranji Team in 2007. **Sony Cheruvathur**, right now captains his team at the Plate level in this Ranji season also. In an e-

mail interview given to *Anaswara Bhanu*, he talks about the recent demand for Twenty20 and IPL, its effects on One-days and Tests etc.



Sony sharing a light moment with Sreesanth

Courtesy: The Hindu

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Excerpts:-

As a cricketer what's your take on Twenty20?

It's a very exciting format of the game; short, full of entertainment, fast and of course demands some skills also.

If given a chance would you be playing for any IPL franchisee? If yes, what are the reasons for accepting such an offer?

Of course, I will. Not only because of the monetary benefits it offers but I cannot think of any other better platform where I can display and test my skills. I will

be competing with the best cricketers around the world and its popularity will only increase in the years to come.

Do you think the ODI format and Test matches are under threat due to the popularity of Twenty20?

I don't think the popularity of

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playing this format will not take a heavy toll on one's body. But for a player any format of the game is a game. The mental pressure a player goes through is the same, whatever is the format. Even the expectations from the fans are the same. Playing too much of T20 matches makes it pretty sure that more players will be worn out. But if the players can be wise like Dhoni by taking the rest they need, they can prolong their career.

Being the Ranji Captain of Kerala, do you think Twenty20 or IPL is going to be a threat to domestic cricket?

IPL can no way be a threat to domestic cricket. It can

only boost the careers and opportunities (money too) of a domestic player. The kind of exposure a domestic player gets with so much international stars around is immense.

Finally, as a player, do you welcome Twenty20 or despise it?

As a player I cannot despise any format of cricket. As a cricketer we are supposed to be good at every formats of the game. One should be flexible for playing in all the formats, work hard to fine tune the skills needed for different formats and above all adapt to the conditions and rules. The way T20 is welcomed by the masses, I would love to make my mark in T20. But I think every cricketer will want to be known as a Test player who won all Tests for his country or state.

APOORVA-an 18 year old boy's dream

By

Priya A.Nair

Taking a passage from Abdul Kalam's 'Wings of Fire', the teacher was telling the students how important it is to dream big in life. And yet, Nithin was pulled up for dreaming in class and not paying attention to his teacher. That didn't stop him from dreaming though. His dream of becoming a film director came true on September 12, 2008 as his debut film 'Apoorva' hit the theatres all over Kerala.

Apoorva, meaning "rare", reveals the rare relationship between school students. The story unfolds within the innocent bonds of school life. Nithin said that even though there were movies based on students they mainly concentrated on the negative sides of school life, which hurt him a lot. This led him to tell a story which gives a colorful positive dimension of education and the school life. He assured that *Apoorva* won't be yet another run-of-the-mill campus story. He tried the technique

of narrating the story in the style of a short story. But at the same time he is admitting that there are many flaws apart from the fact that it is his first film. The reason he points out that he had to make compromise on several things, even in his script. He who admires Edison is very optimistic that in the next film at least the same mistakes won't repeat. Moreover, Nithin is already ready with the script for his next film. He leaves the part of his survival in the field to God, Almighty.

His beginning...

This amateur filmmaker has been an achiever since his childhood. Little Nithin was an active participant in theatre and performing arts in the youth festivals, for which he used to anxiously wait for every year. The movie on his alma-mater, Bharat Mata Higher Secondary School, Palakkad which opens up the magical world of visual media to dreams of the small boy, is always his comfort zone. "Even though the shooting was during the school vacations, the school authorities kept the premises open and helped me in all ways they could", he said. Visualizing the long corridors, the library, the chapel, the volleyball court, and the classrooms where he played and quarreled with

his friends, through the frames of the camera, Nithin was so excited and very nostalgic. "My hometown, my friends,

my school are the things that

give me strength. I think it is my luck that my first attempt is here where I learnt the first lessons of my life", says a very emotional Nithin.

The teenage director who has seven short films in his credits love Shaji Kailas' frames and Deepa Mehta's films. While speaking about the first film he was very serious. Initially he had decided to do a film like *Water*, which he had watched more than 15 times. "But the first film should be a commercial one, other wise it is impossible for a new director to survive in an industry like Cinema. Funding is also a big problem" he shared his views.

His other projects...

His short film, 'Amrithavarshini: A Drop of Warmth' won jury mention at the Nokia mobile fest held in Mumbai. Nithin, in his short stint with film making, has already made headlines grabbing various awards for his short films like 'Niranagalude Kottaram', 'Jyotirgamaya', 'Gangadattan' etc. He has got The National Public Awareness Advertisement Award for the short film named "Open Speech in the Organization" and. 'Nirangalude Kottaram' was telecasted on a major Malayalam channels.



Nithin Ramakrishnan



A still from *Apoorva*

Life hit in Valley, separatists for shutdown on poll days

Srinagar, Nov 7 (PTI) Life in the Kashmir Valley was hit for the second day today in the wake of authorities imposing curfew-like restrictions to prevent a march by separatists who have asked people to observe a complete shutdown during the seven-stage Assembly elections in the state.

Troops were deployed in strength in the city to prevent people from gathering at the historic Jamia Masjid here for Friday prayers and elsewhere in the Valley with barricades in key areas.

Police said no curfew was imposed and there was adequate security to maintain law and order.

Meanwhile, government offices, educational institutions, shops and business establishments, banks, courts and other institutions remained closed in the city and elsewhere in the Valley for the second consecutive day, they said.

On the other hand, launching their anti-poll stir, separatists asked people to observe a complete shutdown during the assembly elections.

Giving a call for "jahan chunav, wahan chalo", chairman of Hurriyat Conference's moderate faction Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who is under house arrest, said the separatists' coordination committee has decided to urge people to march towards the constituencies where polls would be held beginning November 17.

"We urge people to assemble at the district headquarters of the constituencies on the election days. There will be complete shutdown on the elections days, however transport has been exempted to facilitate people to reach the venue," he told PTI on phone.

Mirwaiz said the Lal Chowk march, which was aborted twice by the authorities, will now be held on December 24. PTI