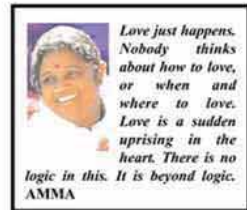


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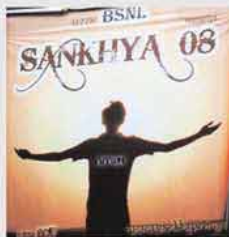
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CAMPUS EVENTS

SANKHYA '08

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering in association with Anantam - the Mathematics Forum of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and ASCII - the student chapter of Computer Science Dept is organising Sankhya 08, a National Level Inter-College technical festival - on 18th October, 2008.



Apart from focussing on next generation technology the events are also designed to emphasize prevalent issues and technological trends.

NRITYA '08

Nritya 08, a dance programme will be held by Natyasudha dance club on 23rd October at 5.30 p.m.

Everyone can be assured of entertainment as there are close to 90 dancers based on eleven different themes. These dances are based on mixed genre- Indian classical, western classical and contemporary dance form. Musical dance play will add attraction to the event.

ADVAYA

Sristi, the literary club is organizing a theatre fest on 20th October called Advaya. This fest is known as The Theatre Week. The event will begin at 5.30 p.m. in Amriteshwari hall.

This will be an Inter department competition based on literary works in English, Hindi, Malayalam and Telugu and Tamil. The competition will be conducted throughout the week.

Three teams per language will be qualified for the finals. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

CSE CELEBRATES TESLA

Meenakshi Nautiyal
Reporter

Tesla, a software developed by five students of 2004 batch, CSE department of Amrita College, Ettimadai was inaugurated by Smt. Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India On the occasion of DEAF LEADERS 5th Anniversary function, on 23rd August 2008 at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU).

The team members P. Deepak Aravind, L.Vibushan, R. Anandh, T. Krithika, R. Balaji believed "instead of making a normal person feel disabled by the advancements in technology why not we use the same science and technology to

make the disabled feel normal." This software is designed for the deaf people.

It converts the English text into animated format

through Avtaram.

It all began as their final year project and was completed in 6 months. They plan to deploy this software in schools, public

places like railway stations (where announcements plays major role), post offices, hospitals etc and also in broadcasting programs like news, stock

and shares etc

The facilities supported them in coding the program while the animated characters were provided by a Professor from University of East Anglia. They also got extended support from Ramakrishna Mission IHRDC (International Human Resource Development Center) for the disabled in Coimbatore who created a dictionary for Indian Sign Language and an organization called as DEAF LEADERS.

Now they have re-structured their software by considering suggestions provided to them and made the interface more user friendly so that even a child can learn signs easily. The students have therefore created a platform for the less privileged.



Founders of TESLA

Film Making Workshop held at PSG college of arts and science



Laxmi Vasudevan
Reporter

A two day workshop on contemporary film making and Film Appreciation was conducted at Sangamam Hall, PSG College, Peelamedu on 10th & 11th of this month.

The speakers, K. Hariharan and Uma Vangal from EFX Studios, Chennai spoke about locating cinema as a modern art form.

"To be a film maker, one has to get into the personality of the film making" K. Hariharan said. He added that three things should be considered while making a film namely Grammar, Technology and Spectorship.

Grammar is about observation, concept of films. The important aspect of film making is that one should be able to narrate the story properly and convince the audience. If you truly want to

understand the movie, then you should know its grammar and its visual design.

Technology is the change in broadcast and communication technology of the digital arena. It has moved from the analog to the digital revolution.

Spectorship is the way in which the viewers negotiate the world of cinema to create new meanings. "Even though that cinema is an independent art form, it depends heavily on the influences on the allied arts," he said.

On the second day of the seminar, Uma Vangal, the director spoke about Indian Cinema and documentary film making ideas for the students.

A couple of classic documentaries were also screened as a part of the session. The participants found the workshop useful in every aspect of film making.

City Police Ensure Public Safety

Arya, Meenakshi Nautiyal &
Ananth
Reporters

The city police will ensure public safety by tightening the security on account of Deepavali.

"Special arrangements have been made to ensure safety of the public. All the important places in the city will be closely monitored by four different teams. The city police will work round the clock and traffic will be regulated by special squad", said Mr. Mahali, IPS., Commissioner of Police.

The city will be monitored by 37 bike patrols, 23 jeep patrols and 40 foot patrols. All the entry and exit places will be screened

by seven checkpoints accompanied with a dog squad. Carrying dangerous explosives will be strictly banned on vehicles. The crime police will be on mufti to watch for criminals and public misbehaviors.

The traffic Police will regulate the overcrowded areas and attend on accidents. Severe actions will be taken against drunken drive where a spot fine of Rs.1000/ will also be collected.

Photo references of important criminals have been distributed to all Police officers in duty in order to help them spot criminals easily. But, this will remain incomplete without the public co-operation.

Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Denny Mathew
Reporter

the individual, family and society at large.

In his speech he pointed out, "most persons affected or are getting affected are the youths. The college-goers are on the top list."

In the whole world the use of alcoholism and drugs is in vast number. The only solution for the prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse is by increasing community participation and public cooperation in the reduction of demand for dependence producing substances.

A Peer group training on "Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse" was conducted on 14th October, 2008 at Bharathiar University. The programme was inaugurated by K.N.S Varadhan, Freedom Foundation, Chennai.

The main objective of the seminar was to create awareness and educate people about the ill-effects of alcoholism and drug abuse on