

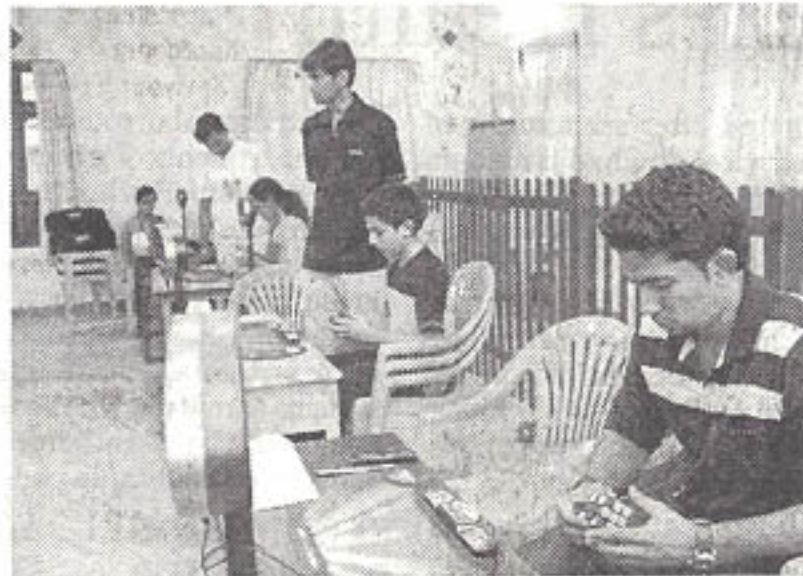
Vidyut 2013: Over 4,000 Students Participate

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Kollam: Over 4,000 students from nearly 150 institutions from across the country, including the IITs, NITs, BITS, participated in the first day events of the national multi-fest Vidyut 2013 organised by the Amrita University, a statement from the university said.

The major attraction of the day was 'Hover Rover', where the participants were required to build a robot that moved with the help of air pressure and could move on road and water. Jubin George Kurien and Nithun Murali of Team JGK Corp from John Cox College, Thiruvananthapuram, emerged winners.

In the 'Sharpshooter' contest, which required the participants to build a coil gun, Sayooj Sasidharan and Su-



Students competing in the 'Hover Rover' contest at Vidyut 2013 fest currently underway at the Amritapuri campus of the Amrita University in Kollam district on Friday

jith T Pillai from the Amrita School of Engineering bagged the top prize.

In the Rubik's Cube Solving competition, Bhargav Narsimhan from VELS University won the first prize.

He had set a national re-

cord last year in Vidyut 2012.

Workshops held on the day 'Bike Kings' (on motorcycles) and Hydroponics (dealing with rising plants on water without any trace of soil) witnessed good partici-

pation. The science exhibition based on the theme 'Innovation' was also a major crowd puller.

The exhibition by ISRO gave a detailed visual history of India's contribution to space research and technology.

On display were the models of satellites developed by India such as the SLV-3, GSAT and Chandrayaan-1.

The events scheduled for Saturday include contests such as e-harvester, aqua missile, Sterling Engine, Aerogen, and Robo Olympics. Vidyut 2013 offers a total prize money of Rs 13 lakh.