

Scientific fervour at its best

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The Hindu -Vignan University Science Fest turns a perfect platform for students to showcase their talent

The Hindu -Vignan University Science Fest organised here on Saturday was a perfect platform for enthusiastic school and college students from across the State to showcase their skills.

Held at Gitanjali Devshala here, it saw about 400 students from 53 schools in the State participating in the poster design contest, elocution and 'budding scientist' competition. They were held in junior and senior categories and the Saturday's event was the 5th among six events planned across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Regional head of Union Bank of India, D. Chiranjeevi, spent considerable time at the event that started at 8.30 a.m. which went on till 3.30 p.m., closing with the prize distribution. The

Hindu was represented by its regional heads T. Ravi (Hyderabad) and S.D.T. Rao (Vijayawada).

The jury for the elocution competition comprised Maya Banaji, G.K. Shyamala, Lily and Kamala and the budding scientist competition was judged by Nishigandha Kulkarni, Deepa Ghosh, N. Dinesh Kumar and Suresh. For the poster design contest, artists and design specialists, including Head of the Department of Painting from Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University, Priti Samyukta, were the judges.

Scientific bent of mind

Addressing the students after giving away the prizes, Mr. Chiranjeevi said such contests and festivals were a perfect platform for young students with a scientific bent of mind to experiment with their ideas.

He lauded The Hindu and Vignan University for the initiative. Mr. Raghavendra from the Vignan University said through VSAT-2017, to be held between April 23 and 27, the varsity was giving scholarships worth Rs. 4 crore to meritorious Intermediate students.

Winners of the budding scientist contest, who brought out innovative projects included seniors Sri Valli and Insia of Requelford International School who got the first prize, while the second and the third prizes went to Ch. Sidhartha and B. Vijay of TSWR School, Cherial and Rohit and Aryan of TIME School, Kondlakoya, respectively.

The artistic talent of the children was at display at the poster design contest, in which the students made spectacular posters that depicted their scientific passion.

Winners in the senior category were P. Pavan of TSWRS Jr. College, Cherial; Deepthi Chowdary of St. Andrew's School, Bowenpally and S. Poojitha of TSWRS, Chitkul who bagged first, second and third prizes respectively.

In the junior category, Divyashree Behera of Army Public School, R.K. Puram; Aditi Anand of Delhi Public School, Diamond point and Einstein of Tejasvi Vidyaranya, Habsiguda got the first, second and the third prizes respectively.

Students expressed their views on Digital India and Make In India elocution competition held as part of the event.

In the senior category, G. Sai Rajat of Gitanjali Sec. School, Begumpet, emerged a winner and Shreyas Rajat of Army Public School, Bolarum and Marcus Fernandez of Manthan School secured second and third places respectively.

Fiaz Shait of Jain Heritage Cambridge School won the first prize in the junior category of elocution competition while Simir of Manthan School and Anu Meha Bhukya of Johnson Grammar School won the second and third prizes.