



## LAURELS BY OUR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The Cultural Coordination Wing of Pondicherry University has great pride and pleasure in announcing that our University students from various Depts participated in the different competitions of **PIMS AURA 2015**, **JIPMER SPANDAN 2015**, and **PECOFES 2015**, and brought laurels by their talented performances.

### I. PIMS AURA 2015 :

a) **2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE** for **Indian Group Dance** on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015 by the following:

1. **A. ASOKA VADHANI** (Intg 4th Year M.Sc. Geology).
2. **S. PRISCILLA SHINY** (Intg 3rd Year M.A. History).
3. **M. JAYASHREE KAVYA** (Intg 5th Year M.Sc. Chemistry).
4. **UTHARA BABU** (Intg 3rd Year M.A. History).
5. **NAYANA** (Intg 3rd Year M.Sc. Mathematics).
6. **SMRITHI** (Intg 4th Year M.Sc. Physics).
7. **KRISHNAMURTHY** (Intg 5th Year M.Sc. Geology).
8. **AMRITH CHAITANYA** (Intg 3rd Year M.Sc. Physics).
9. **YOGESH** (Intg 4th Year M.Sc. Physics).
10. **NIDHIN T. V.** (Intg 5th Year M.Sc. Geology).
11. **DURAI MARAN** (Intg 4th Year M.Sc. Geology).
12. **JINO JOSEPH** (2nd Year M.A. Economics).



b) **2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE** for **Solo Singing** on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015 by **ARYA RACHEL THOMAS** (Intg 4<sup>th</sup> Year M.A. Economics), and **3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE** for **Solo Singing** by **SAKSHI NIRMAL** (2<sup>nd</sup> Year M.A. French) who competed with experienced participants from Anna University too.



c) **2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE** for **Fashion Show** on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015 by the following :

1. **JONALI BRAHMA** (II M.Sc. Food Science and Technology).
2. **ANSUMWI BRAHMA** (II M.A. Economics).
3. **MILITA K. SANGMA** (II M.A. Anthropology).

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4. **WUNGRAMYAO ZINGKHA** ( II M.Sc. Food Science and Technology ).
5. **LEIMINCHON KAS** ( II M.A. Mass. Comm. ).
6. **ADLENE SHYLLA** ( II M.Com. -- Business Finance ).
7. **EVYONNE G. MALNGIANG** ( II M.Com. -- Business Finance ).
8. **RIPPY DAS** ( I M.A. Politics and International Studies ).



### II. JIPMER SPANDAN 2015 :

a) **SAKSHI NIRMAL** and **SHREYA DUTTA** ( both from 2<sup>nd</sup> Year M.A. French ) got the **1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE** for the **Best Vocalists** in the **Alaap** Competition ( Indian Music ), **judged by the violin virtuose, Balabhaskar**, on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015. Other participants were from Pune, Bangalore and Chennai.



b) **EDISA PATHAW** ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Year M. Com. ) and **ARYA RACHEL THOMAS** ( Intg 4<sup>th</sup> Year M.A. Economics ) got the **1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE** for the **Best Vocalists** in the **Euphony** Competition ( Western Music ) on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Other participants were from VIT and Chennai.



### II. PECOFES 2015 :

a) **SAKSHI NIRMAL** ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Year M.A. French ) got the **1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE** for **Solo Singing** on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

b) **2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE** for **Group Light Music** on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 by the following :

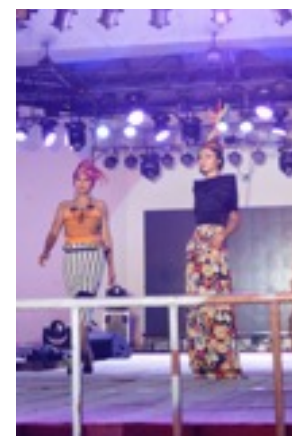
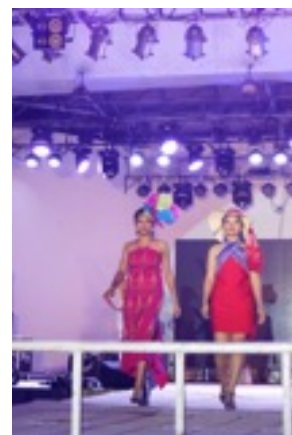
1. **SIDHARTHAN** ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Year M.Sc. Physics ).
2. **SRUTHEESH** ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Year M.Sc. Food Science and Technology ).
3. **SUVISHESH** ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Year M.Sc. Psychology ).
4. **DEEPAK** ( Intg 3<sup>rd</sup> Year M.Sc. Earth Science ).
5. **SREEJESH** ( Intg 3<sup>rd</sup> Year M.Sc. Physics ).
6. **HARISHANKAR** ( Intg 2<sup>nd</sup> Year M.Sc. Earth Science ).
7. **SUDEV** ( Intg 4<sup>th</sup> Year M.Sc. Physics ).
8. **MANJEETH** ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Year M.Sc. Physics ).



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c) **1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE** for *Fashion Show* on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 by the following :

1. **ANSUMWI BRAHMA** ( II M.A. Economics ).
2. **WUNGRAMYAO ZINGKHAI** ( II M.Sc. Food Science and Technology ).
3. **JONALI BRAHMA** ( II M.Sc. Food Science and Technology ).
4. **MILITA K. SANGMA** ( II M.A. Anthropology ).
5. **LEIMINCHON KAS** ( II M.A. Mass. Comm. ).
6. **REBECCA LALNUNDIK** ( II M.Sc. Applied Psychology ).
7. **ADLENE SHYLLA** ( II M.Com. -- Business Finance ).
8. **THEADORA WAR** ( II M.A. English ).
9. **EDAHUN THUBRU** ( II M.A. English ).
10. **MAKINEI EMERSON** ( II M.Sc. Food Science and Technology ).
11. **LAIMWN BRAHMA** ( I M.A. Politics and International Studies ).
12. **BIJAYA NARZARY** ( I M.A. Library and Information Technology ).
13. **LINDA HORAM** ( I M.B.A. Tourism Studies ).
14. **REGINA ZOSANGKIMA** ( I M.B.A. Tourism Studies ).
15. **RIPPY DAS** ( I M.A. Politics and International Studies ).



**ANSUMWI BRAHMA** from II M.A. Economics was also awarded the **BEST MODEL ( Female )** at this *Fashion Show* competition wherein Teams from Chennai ( SRM University, Crescent College and New College ) too participated with their seasoned modelling groups.





# Spandan and 'Pondicherry' weave a spell over them

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## A committee member says the crowd for the events is getting better by the day

Annie Philip

**PUDUCHERRY:** What is attractive about Spandan to the scores of students coming from colleges across India?

"It is in Pondicherry," answers Amrish of Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Medical College and Hospital, Perambalur, rather simply. A first timer at Spandan, the annual inter-collegiate extravaganza of Jipmer, Mr. Amrish says he and his friends are having a whale of a time. The students took some time off to visit the beach here and caught a movie before returning to the Jipmer campus for Spandan. "It is food heaven here," he adds, pointing to the numerous food stalls dotting Lister Square, where all the action is.

### Some informal fun

Keeping the tempo of Spandan alive in the afternoons are the 'Informals' events at Lister Square. They end just before the major evening programmes like Chorea and the concerts begin. Informals committee member Athira says the crowd for the events is getting better by the day. "This year's Informals are bigger and better. We hope to organise 'Cacophony' on one of the days where we award the worst singer. Gifts include attractive shopping and eatery vouchers," she says.



(Clockwise) Students perform at 'Chorea Night', the group dance competition segment of Spandan 2015, the inter-collegiate extravaganza of Jipmer in Puducherry; a student takes part in a T-shirt painting competition. - PHOTOS:

T.SINGARAVELOU

There was plenty of scope for artists on Wednesday, with events continuing in the fine arts category.

In the sketching competition, students chose from themes like Vision 2020, feminism, menace of terrorism and freedom of expression. Teams from Christian Medical College, Vellore, and the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, won top spots in t-shirt painting and

sketching.

In sports, college teams vied for top honours in basketball, football, badminton and other games in qualifying rounds. Literary events continued with scrabble and 90 seconds on Wednesday.

Teams from AFMC, Pune, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru, Pondicherry University and Crescent College,

Chennai, qualified for the final round of Alaap-the Indian music competition on Wednesday.

### Turning shutterbugs

Apart from the hundreds of selfies students are clicking at Spandan, some of them are also training their lens on subjects inside and outside campus to win a prize in the Photography competition. Topics of the single snap

competition include Vision 2020, Spandan mania, Serene Puducherry and feminism. There is also a Digital Photography Story competition where participants have to depict a story through a set of 15 photographs on any theme. Winners will be declared on the final day of Spandan, September 5.

### VIT bags prize

On Tuesday, the team from VIT, Vellore, took the prizes

for duet dance and Western non-theme group dance in Chorea Night, while Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, won the Indian non-theme group dance.

Apart from Jipmer cruising through events on their home ground, the AFMC, Pune, also continued to show their strength at Spandan, counting wins in sketching, t-shirt painting, Chorea Night and qualifying for the final round of Alaap.



AFTER PARTYING HARD IT IS BACK TO CLASSES FOR JIPMER STUDENTS TODAY

# A fashionable finish

Annie Philip

**T**he final day of Spandan 2015 saw a surprise in store for the audience with folk rock fusion band Bengaluru band Lagori taking the stage.

Following last year's edition, this year too saw Sunburn Campus closing Spandan, the annual inter-collegiate festival of Jipmer, with DJ Kash Trivedi ensuring the students partied till the wee hours of Sunday morning.

## The Starry Night

The final day also saw *Dernier Cri*, the fashion show of Spandan, injecting a dose of glamour to the proceedings. With six colleges participating, the team from Pondicherry University walked down a different path showcasing designs based on North East Indian fabrics, drapes and interesting headgear. The men from Crescent University and New College, Chennai, proved that the ramp is not just the women's domain. While the team from Vellore Institute of Technology had students in clothes high on glitter, the team from SRM University, Chennai, proved to be the most comfortable and sophisticated on the ramp, upping the fashion ante. The models from SRM University also seemed to have received the maximum whistles from the audience. However, it was the home team Jipmer's designs featuring art on canvas, *The Starry Night* by Van Gogh is mesmerising on a gown it was magical.

In sports, Jipmer teams were placed first in volleyball and futsal, while Stanley Medical College, Chennai, won the honours for hockey. The team from Christian Medical College, Vellore, won in men's basketball, while the Armed Forces Medical Col-



**RAMP UP:** Pondicherry University students walked the ramp showcasing designs based on North East Indian fabrics and Jipmer's team had designs featuring art works at *Dernier Cri*, the fashion show of Spandan 2015 at Jipmer in Puducherry.

-PHOTO: T. SINGARAVELU

lege won the first place in football. With only throw ball and basketball open to women, the team from Vellore Institute of Technology took the top place for women's basketball.

Quizzing enthusiasts Gopal Kidoo, Ravi Mundali and Jayakanthan R. walked away with the top honours in the Open Quiz competition, with team 'CIDs of Kerala' comprising Kiran Vijaykumar, Jithin and Hrishik being runners-up. There were around 20 teams from outside Puducherry who participated, said Ayesha, secretary of the literary committee.

Teams from the Vellore Institute of Technology made a clean sweep of the Western Music category.

For Pondicherry Engineering College student Piyush, the best experience was the Benny Dayal concert. "It was crazy. It started

raining in between and we danced in the rain," he said. His college also has its own festival soon, but he admits that Spandan has an edge because "programmes run as per schedule here. In our fest, some of them get cancelled sometimes."

Behind the evening programmes and concerts is a team of technicians led by Joe from Puducherry, who owns Sound Garden here, which has arranged for the sound, light and truss. He is assisted by sound engineering students from Aadin Academy, Bengaluru, doing their internship here. Mr. Joe is a veteran here, having attended 11 editions of Spandan so far. Spandan 2015 has won his approval. "There has been a good mix of shows. This batch of students is pretty good," he said.

Overseeing the huge event has been a dedicated team of more

than 100 Jipmer-ites, apart from a large batch of volunteers as well. Sleepless nights and endless running around have been a given for the organisers. With just Sunday to catch up on some rest, it is back to classes for the students on Monday. "Hosting Spandan 2015 has changed us. We have learnt human resource management. Our batch has been supportive. While I was at first disappointed to have missed on all the programmes and on playing basketball, seeing the crowds enjoying at the Benny Dayal show made up for it," said Nitvik Jinnellthun, General Secretary, Jipmer Students Association. He added with Puducherry resident Ram Prakash as president of the TSA, it was useful in getting things organised at a local level. "Spandan has a benchmark that each organising batch has to live up to," he says.

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AROUND 20 COLLEGES BATTLED IT OUT IN SPORTS EVENTS AT SPANDAN 2015

# Melange of melody and rock

Annie Philip

**I**n his skilful hands, the chartbuster of the 1990s, 'Tu cheez hadi hai mast mast' turned mellifluous, a tad soulful even.

On Thursday night, it was the turn of violinist Balabhaskar to entertain the crowds at Spandan 2015, the annual inter-collegiate festival of Jipmer here.

The soaring thematic music from 'Titanic' met the rhythmic Malayalam film song 'Aytram kannumal' in a masterful blend, and soothing tunes from Ilaiyaraaja and A.R. Rahman filled the air as the audience waved their hands to the beats.

A fusion music specialist, Mr. Balabhaskar also indulged in a jugalsbandi of sorts with his fellow band members giving each of them a chance to showcase their skills. He mixed strains of popular film songs with his own numbers like 'B yond' from the album 'Let It Be'.

On the Facebook page of the band 'Girish and the Chronicles,' a visitor complimented the members for their 'amazing hair'.

On Friday night, the band wowed the crowd at Spandan too with their huzzas locks and brand of hard rock music. A departure from previous performances, the Sikkim band showcased quite a few originals like 'Revolving barrel', 'Angel' and 'Loaded', before settling into crowd favourites like 'Foxy Lady' by Jimi Hendrix and 'In and Life by Skid Row.

In the Indian music competition, 'Alaap', the Best Band prize went to Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, while St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru walked away with the Best Group for their Qawwali music. **Pondicherry University took home the Best Duet** and the Vellore Institute of Technology took the prize for Best Solo.

**FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A ROW, ST. PATRICK MATRIC HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL WON THE BEST SCHOOL AWARD AT 'OPEN QUIZ'**



(Clockwise) Violinist Balabhaskar performs at Spandan 2015; participants at the Open Quiz; Rock band 'Girish and the Chronicles' from Sikkim, wows the audience at the extravaganza at Jipmer in Puducherry. — PHOTOS: T. SINGARAVELU

Art events continued with Dr Somervell Memorial CSI Medical College, Karakonam, winning the face painting competition on Friday. The short film contest, 'La Fete Du Cinema' saw Loyola College, Chennai, winning the Best Movie prize for their work, 'Thanvimal', while Vellore Institute of Technology's 'Dhanyavad' and 'Give me love' took second and third places.

#### Action on the field

For an event which has its seeds in an inter-collegiate sporting festival organised by the

Jipmer Students Association more than four decades ago, sports is an important component of Spandan. With matches through all the days, around 20 college teams battled it out on the fields for their place in the sun. Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Visha Mahavidyalaya, Kancheepuram, won the top spot in throw ball. The men from Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute secured first position in badminton, while the Government Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai, won in the women's category. Stanley Med-

ical College proved their mental aptitude by winning the first place in chess.

For the second year in a row, St. Patrick Matric Higher Secondary School won the Best School award at 'Open Quiz', a general knowledge quiz competition open to the public. Introduced last year, the last batch of organisers had hoped their juniors would continue the tradition and they did. With quizmaster Major Chandransankar Nair at the helm, the event saw an enthusiastic response with around 100 teams participating.