Interplay of mind and craft at techno-fest

The three-day programme has technical, non-technical competitive events, cultural and aero-modelling shows.

Staff Reporter

COIMBATOR: Thousands of students from over 150 colleges have converged at Karunya University to take part in and witness the best of technology, management and entertainment.

The three-day techno-management fest 'Mindkraft 2012', that formally took off on Friday, has a potpourri of events that range from the serious to the light. Besides the 46 technical competitive events, there are the non-technical competitive events, non-competitive events, cultural programmes and aero-modelling shows, to keep the students engaged.

While the visiting students got a chance to display their skills through the competitive events, the hosts got to show it in another way. Each department got space at the expo to display a project that all students got to work on. Innovative projects such as water reservoir, green house, solar car, and others were exhibited by the students.

This was open to school students, who got a fill of what their seniors did at an advanced level. Individual coin and rupee collections were also displayed.

Workshops and lectures on latest advances in technology were also held. The non-technical competitions were removed from the ordinary. While the interesting one was the photography competition, the unique one was the 'Euphony', the band competition. Eight teams from the host university competed for the top slot with their own compositions in Western, fusion and rock.

The fest was inaugurated earlier in the day by George Joseph, former Director, Space Application Center, Ahmedabad. He called upon students to ensure that they did not encroach upon the environment while pursuing development. It was necessary to leave behind a society that could be assured of sustainable development.

Pointing out that science was universal and did not differentiate between developed and a developing country, Mr. Joseph said innovation was the key that led to significant changes in the application of technology.

"India is becoming a knowledge-based society. Communications should be viewed beyond the arena of entertainment. Tele-medicine and tele-education need to make rapid strides to reach out to many," he said.

Paul P. Appasamy, Vice-Chancellor of the university, said the chief guest had suggested that Karunya build its own satellite in the next few years. He urged students from all disciplines to contribute towards this venture.

Vivek Velmurugan G, delivery head, Health and Social Services, Accenture IDC, Chennai, and Anne Mary Fernandez, Registrar of the university, were among those who spoke.

The Hindu is the media partner for the event.
Call for region-specific technology adaptation

Though the pursuit of science was universal in nature, the adaptation of technology should be local-specific or appropriate to the region, said Padma Bhushan Dr. George Joseph, Former Director of Space Application Centre in Ahmedabad, here on Friday.

"We should not implement a technology from somewhere without understanding the long-term impact on the community. This can be disastrous in the long run," said George, while inaugurating the three-day technical event 'Mindkraft-2012' at the Karunya University (KU).

Many times, it was noticed that people had a tendency to jump on to new technology disregarding the well-proven practices and without proper understanding of the long-term effects of the new technologies, he pointed out.

Insisting that solutions should be consistent with the cultures of the local community and relevant to the society, he said that if students need to be innovative, they should be sensitive to the problems they face, no matter it was trivial or not.

George also emphasized that space technology should be utilized to develop a suitable system to warn, to be prepared and manage disasters. "Though it is not possible to completely avoid natural disasters, the sufferings can be minimized by creating proper awareness of the likely disasters and its impact by developing such warning systems using space technology," he said.

Space systems had the proven capability to provide vital information and services for disaster management, he said.
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‘Mindkraft’ at Karunya

Staff Reporter

COIMBATORE: The annual technno-management fest ‘Mindkraft’ of Karunya University will be held here from February 23 to 25.

According to a release, the three-day long fest will offer a host of events including workshops, competitions, quizzes, technical games, and many others. The Hindu is the media partner for the event. It is expected to provide a platform for those in pursuit of knowledge and innovation.

Some of the events include, ethical hacking, Android applications, 3D and special effects, image processing and robotics. There are also those like Robokraft, Cyntax, Quizzard, Vigyaan, Gamplex, Counterstrike Age of Empires, etc. The fest will see endorsements from a number of organisations in the form of partnerships with the university. Students and institutions interested in being a part of the fest can log on to the website www.mindkraft.in for details and registration.

Karunaya to host quiz

Staff Reporter

COIMBATORE: Karunya University will organise a district-level quiz for high school and higher secondary school students to commemorate the Republic Day on January 26.

According to a release, the quiz will be conducted at the university premises for students from standards IX to Plus-Two. The theme is “India’s Independence Movement and Indian Political System”.

No registration fee

There is no registration fee. The contest will begin at 2 p.m. For details, contact P.K. Kurian on 98943-34484.
IIM-A professor at Karunya University

Professor Jerome Joseph of IIM-Ahmedabad visited Karunya University, Coimbatore, on February 6. He delivered a lecture on 'Resource to resourcefulness-a transformation needed in the lives of teachers' at the university's School of Management. He spoke about the teacher's role in the education system. Professor Joseph also asked the teachers to capture students' expectation, internalise and interpret them into meaningful actions that are based on the student's ability and competency to realise their dreams.

Karunya University is organizing Mindkraft-2012, a technical festival, from February 23 to 25. This is the fourth edition of the event, which provides a platform for future scientists, engineers, technologists, managers and innovators in the country to join together, interact and share technical and managerial ideas. MindKraft is open to students from any technical college or institution in India. For details, visit: http://mindkraft.in and www.karunya.edu
Test your skills at Mindkraft-2012

MINDKRAFT-2012, an annual student initiated technical festival at Karunya University, will be held from February 23 to 25 at the Karunya University campus. MINDKRAFT which has been four years in the running strives to bring out the best out of budding engineers, scientists and innovators. The event organised by several groups of students across various disciplines, provides a platform for the future scientists, engineers, technologists, managers and innovators of our country to join together, interact and share technical and managerial ideas in a congenial environment. MINDKRAFT aims to raise the bar of excellence, exhibit skills on a national level and ignite the expectations of our industry from the engineers tomorrow. MINDKRAFT is open to students from any technical college or institution in India.

Major categories of events cater to all engineering fields will be held. ROBOKRAFT will have you designing solar boats, sound sensing boots or terrorist capturing robots, while CYNTAX will challenge your programming, hacking, decryption, app creation skills to the limit. Be prepared for QUIZZARIA'S mind boggling quizzes on bio-informatics, aerospace, current affairs and business. Get out of SHIRISTTS warzone as you will be battling in junkyard wars a virtual security hacking war. Get your thinking caps out with VIGYAAAN and create gliders, simulators, newage cycle or be a Noisebuster. Be a CIA and solve murders in BIOTIX or create biosensors and reactors. Put your culinary skills to the ultimate test by creating a food processor, food package or just save a poor levitating egg from being smashed. If you think you've been neglected then participate in MELANGE'S animation creation, or be the rock star, singer or film director you always wanted to be. And last but not the least, participants can also buckle up for the biggest FIFA, Counter Strike and Need for Speed match you have seen.

Cultural events like plays, mimes, dance shows, talent shows, art and many more will add colour to MINDKRAFT. Hundreds of students from various colleges from different parts of South India will be participating in the MINDKRAFT. ₹5 lakhs will be distributed as prize money to the winners. Those interested can visit [http://mindkraft.in](http://mindkraft.in) or [www.karunya.edu](http://www.karunya.edu).

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