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Alumni, parents being roped in by AU

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Andhra University is facing an important test as the Peer Committee of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council visits the campus from March 31 to April 4 to assess its academic excellence mainly and award points.

This time AU administration, in addition to keeping the campus in the right shape and preparing a good report on its performance, is taking help of the alumni and parents of teachers to impress the Peer Committee. Meetings with the alumni and parents are being arranged during the Peer Committee's visit.

Meanwhile, Vice-Chancellor L. Venugopal Reddy is engaged in visiting all academic departments to witness power point presentation on each department. The administration insisted with the HoDs that documentary evidence of what they have achieved must be produced and just claims will not do.

No extensions The Executive Council, which met in Hyderabad to get Government's approval for its annual budget, has not extended terms of many academic Deans, Directors and Librarian. Their terms will end by end of March. Rector Beela Satyanarayana is an exception. He was given extension till June, till he retires on superannuation.

Prof. Venugopal Reddy probably did not consider the extension of others as he is soon completing his term and left it to the person who comes in his place later.

Meanwhile, the online second mid-term examinations of second semester are on. But not all departments are able to conduct the same, as the questions are not ready.

A question bank has to be prepared in advance by the teachers for the examination but the same is not ready with some departments.

US varsity team's visit A delegation from another US university, this time the Virginia Commonwealth University at Richmond, visited AU to explore the possibilities of entering into a MoU in commerce and management areas.

The team led by Dean of School of Business Michael Sesnowitz, Chair for insurance, finance and real estate Nanda Rangan and B. Madhusudhan of Easy Educate held discussions with Prof. Venugopal Reddy, Prof. Satyanarayana, Registrar P. Vijaya Prakash, Principal L.K. Mohana Rao, HoD D. Prabhakara Rao, Dean S. Sarveswara Rao and others.

If the MoU materialises faculty and students of AU will have an access to the world class facilities of the US university.

YLP patted The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia and the Moscow State Institute of International Relations congratulated and thanked Chairman of AP Hindi Academy Y. Lakshmi Prasad for delivering a series of lectures on "literature and culture of the South India" in Moscow during March first week.

AU prof. on editorial board A professor of Department of Geology N. Subba Rao has been nominated to the editorial board another international journal within a month. After being taken on the editorial board of Environmental Geology, Prof. Subba Rao has been nominated to the editorial board of Hydrology Journal, a reputed international journal being published by Springer.

Good show by Vignan students Students of the mechanical engineering branch of Vignan's Institute of Information Technology (Duvvada) won many prizes in the students' meets conducted by different colleges.

A. Naresh, Ch. Rohit and R. Srinivas won second prize in the Hedera event conducted by the GITAM University. VIIT won many prizes in the Mechronics 08 conducted by the Chaitanya Engineering College. P. Udaya Sree and M.V.S. Alekhya secured second position in paper presentation, B. Gowtham and K. Radhakrishna won third prize in the same event, B. Gowtham, K. Radhakrishna and K. Vijay Daniel won the first prize in Junk Yard Wars event and B. Mahesh picked up second prize in solo singing, according to Principal A. Arjuna Rao.

Students of Vignan's pharmacy college claimed first prize in an all-India seminar conducted at Bhimavaram in which 100 pharmacy colleges participated. P. Anusha and D. Jaya Geetika won first prize for their presentation on forensic pathology, according to Principal of Vignan Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology Y. Srinivasa Rao.

Campus interviews Twenty one students of Gokul Institute of Technology and Science (Bobbili) during campus interviews conducted by the Satyam Computers, Principal B. Venkata Ramana informed.

Vidyut 2K8 The Al Ameer College of Engineering's EEE department organised Vidyuth 2K8. Superintendent of Police Akun Sabharwal who was chief guest of the valedictory function told the students that character was better than profession and one must be a good citizen than a professional. Prof. V. Seetharam, secretary of the college Farooqui, Principal C. Ayyanna, CAO of the college M.K. Ali Pasha, convenor of Vidyuth 2K8 S. Rajesh Babu and others participated.

Busy schedule at GITAM GITAM University campus witnessed a lot of activity with conferences being conducted by different department. Alacrity 2008 is a national-level conference computer science engineering students.

Inaugurating the meet, general manager (knowledge initiatives) of Wipro M. Dakshina Murthy said technology sector presently needed soft skilled youth who knows the clear concepts and sound fundamentals.

Vice-Chancellor M. Gangadhara Rao announced that GITAM University will start its campus at Hyderabad during August with six engineering branches.

Area Manager of BSNL J.V. Raja Reddy, Director GITAM Institute of Technology V.V.Kutumba Rao, HoD of CSE Department T. Sita Mahalakshmi and student-convenor of Alacrity 2008 K. Venkatesh, participated.

Students presented papers on topics like Electronic Nose, Pill Camera, DNA Computer, Bionic Eye, Digital Jewelry, using Sniffer technology for detecting lost mobiles, predicting earth quakes through data mining, credit card fraud detection, Brain Gate, etc.

Biodiversity is the foundation of life GITAM Institute of Science organised a workshop on "biodiversity conservation for sustainable development" as part of environmental awareness campaign Director Centre for Environmental Studies T. Shivaji Rao inaugurated.

A professor of AU E. Udaya Bhaskara Reddy, a medicinal plant researcher B.V.A. Rama Rao, and in-charge of APCOST J. Dhilleswara Rao spoke.

HoD of Environmental Sciences N. Srinivas, Principal in-charge G. Ananda Rao and others participated.

Another activity was Trishna 08, a two-day National-level technical event for industrial production engineering graduates held at GITAM Institute of Technology.

This provided an opportunity for the students to exhibit their ideas and techniques in the technical papers.

Among them are Artificial Eye prepared by M.V.G.R. College of Engineering students S. Shilpa and G. Shirisha presented a technical paper on bio-electronic vision, popularly known as Artificial Eye; and Emergency Heli Car thought of by V. Praveen, V. Sudheer and Y. Gowtham Prakash.

It will have one engine for car and another for flying in emergencies; a magnetic refrigeration conceived by students of Andhra University College of Engineering students K. Ram Dheeraj, Md. Ali and P. Sivakumar; Lip-tracking by K. Bhramaramba of AITAM College and A. Haripriya of MVJR College, to improve lip reading (an important tool for hearing impaired people or used for face recognition or human computer interaction) who proposed a novel algorithm for outer and inner lip tracking and Hexapod Robots proposed by D. Dinesh and N.T.V. Sainath of N.B.K.R.I.S.T. based on cockroach's movements for detecting and removing mines.

Some other suggestions from the student-engineers are a six-stroke engine for low emissions, laser technology-based vehicles, fuel cell vehicles and battery-powered vehicles.

HoD of Industrial Production Engineering S. Narayana Rao, Director (students affairs) M. Potha Raju, Dean (academic affairs) G. K. Ramaiah, Placement Officer S.R. Gollapudi and others participated.

TQM programme GITAM Institute of International Business conducted a management development programme on "Total Quality Management & SMEs", sponsored by SIDBI.

Deputy General Manager, SIDBI Dev Anand spoke.

Director of GIIB V.K. Kumar inaugurated. Prof. Viswanadham delivered keynote lectures.

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