

Meet Amdavad's own 'Olympians' of a different kind...



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Students from EDI swept clean all honours at the Nat'l Biz Olympiad, while Kush, 11, topped the cyber Olympiad in Gujarat

Season of Olympiads!

EDI-ites pip competitors from top B-schools

Ankita Pathak

The recently concluded national event of IIMA, Confluence 2010, hosted the National Business Olympiad, a business simulation competition for management students in the city.

Under the initiative of inspiring innovations and expanding horizons, Confluence 2010 conducted the competition. The objective of the Olympiad is to test the business acumen, knowledge, skills and decision-making in the area of Finance, Marketing, Operations and R&D.

Students from Ahmedabad-based Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI), made a clean sweep winning the top three positions at the event which saw participation from over 40 B-schools across the country from around 20 cities.

EDI Ahmedabad managed to grab the first and second position leaving behind the

IIMs and other known B-schools of the country. The third position though not announced formally also went to EDI, Ahmedabad students according to the marks.

Abhishek Goenka, Hemant Mehta and Love Anandjiwala of EDI, Ahmedabad won the first place at the competition, with the runners up position going to Ankush Jain, Manish Bansal and Vandana Bor-

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dia, also from the same institute. The winners were felicitated with certificates along with a cash prize by Dr Kiran Bedi, former IPS officer who was the chief guest at the award presentation.

"Getting felicitated by Dr Kiran Bedi was a moment of honour," said Abhishek Goenka, the winning team member. When asked about their Olympiad experience, Hemant Mehta, another

winning team member said, "As we progressed from the city round to prelim to the finals, we made sure that we do not repeat our mistakes and take a lesson for our journey ahead."

Where Goenka and Mehta want to go ahead starting up their ventures in the tourism sector, the third team member Love Anandjiwala, who wants to expand his family business feels that, "Apart from the pleasure and joy of winning the competition, the Olympiad helped us gain practical experience which would be helpful in expanding my family business as well."

All the teams faced tough competition and feel that the Olympiad helped them gain experience and make strategies keeping in mind the market situations which would be helpful for the future as well. With the win, EDI is now encouraging its students to expose them to other competitions.

A cyber whizzkid!

Chaitra Devarhubli

At first glance, city lad Kush Saluja is just a sweet, cute-looking schoolgoer. You wouldn't imagine a kid his age could top the state in IT and computer knowledge. And yet, once the list of this 11-year-old's achievements is out, you can't help but marvel at all that he's accomplished, and that too at such an early age.

Kush has done Amdavad proud. At the recently held Olympiad exam, this young boy stood 1st across Gujarat and 14th in India at the Cyber Olympiad. Surprisingly, despite being only in class 6, this young student stood first in the state in computer technology and IT knowledge—a feat, considering his age.

Olympiad exams are conducted at an international level, to identify and nurture talent among students. These exams are conducted annually, and students from across the globe appear for these.

Kush is a student of Anand Niketan School (Satellite) in the city, and besides academics, has other achievements to his credit as well. Not only did he stand first this year, he had also stood first at the Science Olympiad two years back. Kush is keeping his fingers crossed and is awaiting the results of the Science and Maths Olympiad exams eagerly. The principal of Kush's school is all praises for him.