IGNOU celebrates Ignite

The Indira Gandhi National Open University's (IGNOUs) regional centre in Ahmedabad organised 'Ignite 2011', an inter-school quiz contest wherein over 96 teams representing various city schools participated at the Bhaikaka Auditorium.

Addressing the students, Chief Guest Dr AK Singh, convenor of the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat and former Vice Chancellor, Ambedkar Open University said, "IGNOU is promoting school education where the stress is being given to enhance teacher training in schools."

"The idea behind hosting such events is to ignite students' interest in higher education and make them aware of the Open and Distance Learning System," said Dr Avani Trivedi, in-Ccarge of the IGNOU regional centre.

The quiz started with a written elimination round of 20 questions in which all the students present in the hall were asked to participate. Out of these, six teams were selected for the next and final round. All the teams had been asked to give themselves a team name. The final contest comprised of six rounds of questions, including one round on music and another on visuals.

A few questions were put to the audience and those who gave correct answers were also rewarded.

AR Sai Anirudh and Shubham Sanjay Panchal won the contest while Saagar Takhi and Yash Jain of Zydus School of Excellence were the runners-up in the event hosted by quiz master Kunal Savarkar.

The winners got a trophy for their school along with individual trophies, book vouchers and a gift hamper each, while the runners-up got individual trophies, book vouchers and a gift hamper.

An exhibition and a flash presentation were also organised to make the students aware of various programmes being offered by IGNOU.

Ahmedabad was the sixth city where Ignite 2011 was organised. Before this, the quiz contest was held in Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati, Bangalore and Kochi.

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