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## Paper models with a difference

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**Jamshedpur, Dec. 2:** It was a paper model with a difference. Made of newspaper, with a height of 4.5 feet, it can withstand a weight of eight kg.

Rohit Jha and team took about two-hours to complete the 'paper platform', which was the topic of the contest, at a model-making contest held on the second day of the ongoing National Creativity Olympiad organised by the city chapter of the Institution of Engineers.

A paper model on display at the National Creativity Olympiad held at the Institution of Engineers in Sakchi. Picture by Uma Shankar Dubey

Many interesting models were prepared at today's contest. Nirav Baid, a student of St Xavier's School, Ahmedabad, built a model which can withstand weight up to 10 kg, with the help of polythene drinking straws.

As many as 23 teams, of four members each, from various schools of the city and other parts of the country, including West Bengal, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Goa and Madhya Pradesh participated in the model-making contest organised in the final round of the Olympiad.

The competition was divided into two-sessions. While the teams were asked to make models with newspapers in the first session, they had to use colourful drinking straws in the second session.

'We got the topic last night. It was difficult to construct a platform out of newspapers. We were given three newspaper sheets to construct the model. In the second round, each team received 200 straws for constructing a similar platform,' said Rohit, a tenth grader of Loyola School.

The models will be displayed at the Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI) auditorium tomorrow.

A panel comprising senior Tata Steel executives and faculty members of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) will evaluate the models.

The winning team members will receive a personal computer each, while the runners-up team will get a series of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

'The model-making contest is organised to test the team-work, creativity and analytical ability of the participants. Participation has increased over the years,' said R.P. Singh, joint secretary of Institution of Engineers.

According to sources, deputy managing director of Tata Steel, A.N. Singh would hand over the prizes to the winners at a function at XLRI auditorium tomorrow.

There would be two categories of awards at the model-making contest ' open domain and directed domain, sources said.

Individual students displaying their models would be awarded in the open domain, while teams would be awarded in the directed domain, they added.



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