New generation speaks on corruption

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It was a memorable day for the management students as they watched in awe the reflections of young minds on corruption. The occasion was Mindful Leadership 2009, held at LIBA (Loyola Institute of Business management) in association with University of Dayton.

Set on United Nations Global Compact’s core values, anti-corruption, the competition was open to undergraduate and graduate students from across India. The theme for this year’s paper presentation was “Corruption-Free Nation: The mission for new generation leaders.”

After receiving close to 100 entries the judges reviewed the case studies and shortlisted the 10 best papers. The ten candidates were invited to LIBA to present their research and their presentation.

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Most of them spoke about having a transparent system. While Cevil from Mumbai gave an excellent statistic on the corruption scenario, Allen from LIBA enlightened the crowd about the scenario by quoting the words of late Rajiv Gandhi, “out of every one rupee spent in India, less than 15 paisa reaches the real beneficiary.”

However, Harshvardhan Yadav of Lucknow felt change must come from within. After each individual presentation, the participants had to answer the questions thrown by the audience.

Finally, when the results were announced, it was Vishal Bhalani, a final-year M.A Economics student of Loyola College, Chennai who emerged the winner. He received an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the world’s largest student investment forum, RISEX(Redefining Investment Strategy Education), which will be held from March 26 to 28, at the University of Dayton, Ohio, USA. He was also awarded the Mindful Leadership Rising Trophy 2009, gold medal and cash prize worth Rs 5000.

“I suggested systematic solutions rather than ad-hoc solutions. I think the problem is with the system and the system must be maintained efficiently,” said Allen. He also appreciated the fellow comrades whose presentations he found innovative especially their personal sharing.

Aneesab Ajoba, a Civil Engineer student of the College Engineering Trichy, won the prize. Apart from the silver medal, he received an all-expenses-paid trip to the US and cash prize worth Rs 9000.

Alen Bhai, a final year student of LIBA, Chennai, won the Bronze medal. The five other participants received certificates.

The jury included N. Visal, Pra Vigilance Commissioner, D. V. Vekataraman, VP, HR Delhi-TVM; Lodewijk Ebber, Professor, Universite Libre, Belgium; Mike Murphy, Lecturer, Collete College, Cork, Ireland and Paul Fernandes, Professor, XLRI, Dept. of Alexander, Professor, LIBA was the Coordinator.

Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Ph. Chris, Director, LIBA, said, “The youth modelled us to give us a strong hope that the nation is safe hands in the journey towards good and corrupt free nation. The solutions proposed and suggested by the contest were thoughtful, unique and reflected diversity in the spectrum of potential solutions.

Apart from the presentations, there was an interesting time where the students were invited to speak about their experiences regarding corruption.

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