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—college diary— **'TEAMING' WITH TALENT**



Last year's cultural team performs at the Christ University fest

It's a visual fiesta as students get ready to showcase the best at the fests

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A new year. New students. New cultural team. Every academic year sees the same process take place to acquire a new college fest team that represents the institution in every intra and inter city fest for that particular year.

And that's exactly what's happening in Christ University and Centre for Management Studies (CMS). While, Christ University's intra-college fest, *Darpan*, is a full-fledged festival with various events ranging from stage, literary and art events, CMS has a slightly more specialised system of creat-

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ing their own fest team. The Christ University fest, *Darpan*, goes on for 15 days, giving each student the freedom to participate in any number of events. P

Bhaskar, the assistant co-ordinator of *Darpan*, says that the cultural team changes every year. "We might have some familiar faces from the previous year, because they invariably participate to mark their place in the current cultural team."

But, winning events is not the only criteria they have. "We make sure that the students we have selected have good attendance and academic records. We don't want to encourage extra-curricular activities at the cost of academic performance."

While, the usual events like Indian dance,

Indian acoustics, charades, mad ads, debate, car-tooning rule in *Darpan*, CMS has a different take in their fest team selections. Since, CMS is a management college, they have

broad categories like marketing, HR, finance and management. Aziz Chikhly, third student and fest co-ordinator of CMS, says, "It's basically to get the first year's initiated into the team. Out of 450 students, we take a total of 15. It's great to see the enthusiasm among students, because it's a prestigious team to be in. We not only represent our college in various inter college fests, but also organise our own college fests."

Sanjana Kumar, a third year student from Christ University says, "*Darpan* is one of the most awaited fests all-year round. The whole college is abuzz with various events, and everyone is all over the place. I participated in car-tooning last year and will be participating in an art event this year as well."

And does she hope to be a part of the cultural team this year? "Of course, that's the whole point of this!" she pipes in.

Fatima Lokhandwala, who won Best Manager in the CMS fest team selection, says, "I'd been shortlisted for HR, best manager and marketing and I was pretty sure that I'd nail at least one of the three. I've put in a lot of effort and each round challenged us physically and mentally. So, it was a great win!"

