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At the Frisson 2011 dance

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An inter-college fest 'Frisson 2011' was organised by the Post-Graduate Department of Economics, Centre for Management Studies, Jain University, recently. The theme of the fest was Jan Lokpal bill. Around 20 colleges from across the State participated in it.

Former Lokayukta N. Santosh Hegde, the chief guest, said that the Jan Lokpal bill may not eliminate corruption but will certainly contain it. He also said that the type of people who will constitute the Lokpal panel will determine how effective the bill will be. In Karnataka, the Lokayukta has been functioning since 1986, but it is only in recent times that it has shown its efficacy.

When asked about there being four different versions of the bill be-

fore the Joint Parliamentary Committee, namely the Lokpal, the Jan Lokpal, Aruna Roy's version and that of Lok Satta, he said he only wanted a strong bill and it did not matter from where the ideas came from. Aruna Roy's version has suggestions regarding bringing the corporate and the NGO sectors under the ambit of the bill which Jan Lokpal does not have and it would be worthwhile doing so. When asked by a student about what happens if the Lokpal itself has a corrupt member, Mr. Hegde replied that there was a mechanism for removing a member if he was found to be corrupt.

The fest had various events including a presentation on the feasibility of the Jan Lokpal bill. A debate on "People Power", a legitimate way of shaping public policy, was organised. A competition was held to recycle waste materials into models with the theme 'Dream India'. There was a group folk dance and a competition to present the dresses of different States in India. The overall trophy was bagged by Jain College, Jayanagar.