

Celebrating Children's creativity

The All India Children's Educational Audio Video Festival (AICEAVF), one of the major children's educational programme festival of India is organized by the Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET) to provide an opportunity to creative producers of educational audio and video programmes targeted at children and teachers.

The ball was set rolling for the 14th edition of the festival today with the photo Exhibition of selected entries from All India Children's photography contest 2008. The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Vijaya Mulay, eminent educationist and Sh. Mike Pandey, eminent film maker and conservationist.

"Over 600 entries were received under the two categories, viz., People at Work and Nature. The heartening feature of the contest was the receipt of entries from very remote towns and villages said Prof. Rajaram Sharma, Programme coordinator.

As a part of the Festival a one-day Pre festival Seminar on "Video Production By Children For Children" was organised in which programmes made by the Children were showcased. Sixty percent population in India is still illiterate and the responsibility of providing value based information lies with filmmakers, said Mr Mike Pandey in his keynote address. He shared his experiences of making films on nature and its conservation. Prof. Vijaya Mulay, Chaired the Inaugural Session.

CIET had conducted 5 workshops at SIETs (State Institutes of Educational Technology) Lucknow, Pune, Bhubaneshwar, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad in Dec 2008-Jan 2009. The producers from CIET, SIETs and the participant children involved in the making of video programmes, who had traveled to Delhi for this seminar shared their experiences. The video programmes made during these workshops were showcased.

The programmes were well appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed by the delegates. In all it was a day dedicated to the creativity of children, their work and their expression.