



India in 96 Hours

A Race Across India – For India

A Race across India, called Yi “INDIA IN 96 HOURS”, was held between **26 - 29 October 2007**. Forty-six students from across the country participated in this race.

These 46 students went through a number of physical and mental challenges at their respective chapters (cities) to reach the finals. These finalists were winners from their respective chapters.

These finalists came from various chapters of Yi that include **Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Indore, Ahmedabad, and Kochi**. The race began at Delhi and ended on the beaches of Goa passing through Kolkata Chennai & Bangalore. The racers touched the four corners of India in 96 Hours facing a lot of challenges along their way to the next destination. The students were paired with a partner from a different city . The participants were frisked for mobile phones, phone numbers and any extra cash that they might be carrying before giving them the first clue in each city. They were only given Rs. 1000/- per team to take care of their expenses for the day.

Teams at a Glance		
Team Nos	Names	City
1.	Dhwani Meghani	Mumbai
	Ashish Kothari	Bangalore
2.	Tanvee Agarwal	Ahmedabad
	Anish Malhotra	Delhi
3.	Anjali Kharkia	Ahmedabad
	Ankit Garg	Bangalore
4.	Poorvi Joshi	Indore
	MK Sandeep	Coimbatore
5.	Shilpa Jagannathan	Chennai
	Chiranjeev Chandok	Mumbai
6.	Archana Thiyagarajan	Chennai
	Karan Kotecha	Mumbai
7.	Mahek Bheda	Bangalore
	Anupam Kujur	Ahmedabad
8.	T. Madhavi	Bangalore
	Vinamra Nema	Indore
9.	Shilpa Maheshwari	Bangalore
	Muthu S Shankar	Chennai
10.	Anooja G	Kochi
	Vipul Sirohi	Ahmedabad
11.	Niya Rose Paulson	Kochi
	D Nandakumar	Coimbatore
12.	Kshira Reddy	Hyderabad
	N Satish	Chennai
13.	Shravani Gupta	Hyderabad
	Prashob Jacob	Kochi
14.	Chetan Jain	Mumbai
	Nijoy Peter	Kochi
15.	Karan Bamba	Mumbai
	Uday Beri	Kochi
16.	Aashik Agarwal	Mumbai
	Arpan Kumar Gupta	Delhi

17.	Mohit Chheda	Mumbai
	Gautam Atulya Manohar	Coimbatore
18.	Piyush Kejriwal	Mumbai
	Siddharth Devraj	Bangalore
19.	Kirubakar C N	Coimbatore
	Okesh Chhabra	Delhi
20.	Adit Kundra	Delhi
	Saravana R Prabhu	Chennai
21.	A Indirakumar	Coimbatore
	J Sasiganth	Chennai
22.	Arman Chopra	Delhi
	Anand M R	Kochi
23.	S Muhammadu Muzzammil	Coimbatore
	Nitin Gupta	Delhi

26 October: Race Flag Off : New Delhi



The students were flagged off by **Mr Ankur Bhatia**, Past Chairman, CII Delhi State Council; **Dr Rahul Mirchandani**, National Chairman, Yi Youth Affairs and **Mr Sumeet Anand**, Chapter Chair, Young Indians, Delhi Chapter. The first clue was the picture of the National Crafts Museum. The participants had to identify the location and get there.

The first team reached the first challenge at the National Crafts & Textiles Museum where they had to identify terracotta beads. There they were given the next clue of making a necklace of 35 beads and a bracelet of 15 beads. To get the next clue each member of the team had to wear either the necklace or the bracelet. The next clue was the name of an institute - the Ramjas Mountaineering Institute. The teams had to find the location of the institute and get there.

On reaching the place, they had to climb an artificial rock within ten minutes of wearing the harness. The clues were kept at the top of the rock. Unable to complete the task in the prescribed 10 minutes, the teams got their next chance after all the teams present at that time had finished their turn. The teams could opt out of the task and incur a 60-minute penalty, which was added to the time that they checked in at the pit stop. 20 teams took the 60-minute penalty and only 3 teams completed this task. The clue guided them to a pre-decided PCO.



At the PCO, the teams were given a list of ten numbers. One out of these numbers was the jackpot number. Calling on that particular number they got their next clue to come the finish line. The person at the end of the correct number would give them the location of the finish line, which was the Institute of Integrated Learning in Management (IILM).

At the IILM, they had to locate a hidden mat on the premises to finish the Delhi Leg of the race. The arrival timings of the teams were noted down by the race officials, and any 60 minute penalty incurred during the race was added to the check in time. Out of 23 teams, 7 teams were eliminated in Delhi and 16 teams moved on to Kolkata to face newer challenges. The money they saved on that day from the Rs. 1000/- given to them was collected and given back the next day along with another Rs. 1000/-.

27 October : Kolkata Leg



The teams at Kolkata were flagged off by **Mr Siddharth**, Chapter Chair, Yi Kolkata Chapter & **Mr S K Mishra**, Regional Director, CII. The first clue given to the students at the airport was to find the Floating Hotel located on the banks of river Ganges. The teams departed with the clue, according to the difference in their check in times at the pit stop. The time difference between the first and the last team was 98 minutes.

The first team reached the Floating Hotel where they got the next clue. The clue was a map of Science City. The location or the name of Science City was not mentioned. The teams had to understand the location and then reach the destination. 2 teams were unable to find the location and incurred the 60-minute time penalty.

On reaching Science City, the teams were given their next task. The task at Science City was to drop a raw egg from a particular height without breaking it, using just straw and cello tape. Each team was given only 3 attempts. Failing to achieve the desired result got them a 60-minute penalty. 4 teams were unable to finish the task and incurred the 60-minute time penalty. On finishing the task they were given their next clue, to reach the largest roller coaster at Nico Park.

On finding the roller coaster, the teams had to ride the roller coaster to receive their next clue. Then they had to find the location for the next activity within Nico Park, which was jummaring. Jummaring is a single rope technique where one ascends a rope using mechanical ascenders. Any one member from the team could complete this activity. On finishing this, the students were given the next clue to go to Forum Mall to receive their next clue.

At the Forum Mall a designated volunteer gave them their next clue. The clue was a cut out of a crossword puzzle, meaning that they had to find the nearest Crosswords bookstore.

At Crosswords, they were given their task to find the book called "The Secret" and find the page in which a paragraph that was already given to the teams was located. They had to note down the page number on a piece of paper, locate the mat, stand on it to and give the paper to the race

official who would verify it and to finish the race. 12 teams out of the 16, which started the leg, moved on to Chennai.

28 October: Chennai Leg



At Chennai **Mr Hemang Badani**, a famous cricketer was present to receive the students at the airport and was able to spend a few minutes with them. The teams were welcomed with garlands and Indian flags. The teams departed again according to the time difference based on the check-in timings at the previous leg. The first team was handed over the first clue. And the

time difference between the first and the last team was 61 minutes. The teams were supposed to find a beauty parlour named Lovely Beauty Parlour, on TTK road.

At Lovely Beauty Parlour the one of the team members (the guy) had to wax one of his legs and both the team members had to polish their nails using red nail polish. They were then given their next clue, which led to a company called Right Angle Management Solutions located in Perengudi.

At Right Angle Management Solutions they were asked to change one of the car tyres. On completing the task successfully the participants were given the next clue to locate a jewellery store called "Jewel India" at Parry's. On reaching "Jewel India" a designated volunteer gave them their next clue. The clue consisted of the address of Dynasty Restaurant.

At Dynasty (Restaurant) the teams were given their next task. They were given the menu card and asked to sum up the total on the Menu Card. On arriving at the correct amount they were given the next clue. They had to proceed to the next challenge at Marina Beach.

On reaching Marina Beach they were given a physical task of moving from point A to point B using just two of the six mentioned resources that they could find without their feet touching the ground. The teams had to find their own resources. On finishing the task they got the next clue, to proceed to Spencers Plaza. Failing to complete the task in three attempts, the 60-minute penalty was again given here. Two teams got the 60-minute penalty here.



On reaching Spencer's Plaza the participants were given their task of getting together any eight random individuals and weigh them on a weighing machine one by one and their total collective weight was supposed to be between 450 – 475 Kilos. On completing the task they were given the next clue. The clue was to find the place the address of which had been given to

them since the morning (the CII office, as all the envelopes had the CII Office address on them). Few of the teams misinterpreted the clue and started searching for the Lovely Beauty Parlour. The other teams started heading towards the pit-stop (CII).

At CII Office, the teams had to locate the Mat and step on it to finish the race for the day. Again the timings at the check-in were noted and the time difference was calculated.

On the day of the race there was continuous rain in Chennai, which only made the tasks harder to finish as few of the tasks were out door, which required the teams to get wet. Only 8 teams out the 12, moved onto Bangalore Leg of the race. The money they saved on that day was collected and given back the next day along with another Rs. 1000/-.

29 October: Bangalore Leg



At the Airport, the students were welcomed with garlands, arti and given the next clue. The time difference between the first team and the last team was about 2 hours. The first clue was a picture clue, of lord Shiva. They had to locate the famous Hindu Temple (Shiva Temple) in Bangalore.

On reaching the temple they had to paint an already drawn portrait, looking at a coloured portrait. On finishing which they were given the next clue. They had to locate the word “baba” on one of the organizers websites, which was hyperlinked to their next clue.

The racers had to look for a cyber café and browse the website of the event management company to get the next clue. The hyperlink was in the website of strawberry outbound, in the last testimonial of the testimonials page. Six teams of the eight took the 60-minute penalty. The six teams searched the websites of CII, Yi, SS Music, Atherstone, Apollo Hospitals, Jet Airways, and Strawberry Outbound but could not find the Clue. The two teams which started from the airport with 2 hours

after the first team due to staggered start (at around 1000 hrs) got the clue. The next clue was to go to Kemp Fort to receive their task.



They then carried on to the Kemp Fort where the students were asked to Jumaring up the walls of the fort using ropes after ensuring proper ground safety arrangements. On finishing the task they were given the next clue that was to call the Yi official on the given number and get the address for the next location (airport).

The first team reached the airport to collect their tickets to reach Goa. Out of the 8 teams, 4 teams then moved on to Goa for the final leg of the race. The four teams that moved into the next leg included the two teams who started 2 hours after the first team. For the next leg of the race, the teams had to use the money that they had saved during the race.

29 October: Finish Line: Goa

At Goa, the teams were welcomed by **Dr Rahul Mirchandani**, Yi National Youth Affairs Chairman along with other Yi members and executive members. The teams were given their first clue. The teams had to identify the name of the beach based on the clue, write it on a piece of paper, show it to the Yi official and only then could they leave the starting point. The time difference between the first team and the last team was about 50 minutes.

At Miramar Beach they had to dig the cordon area in the beach to get their clue for the next task. The next task was that they had to find a load carrying auto rickshaw where in they had to load hay and drive it down to Hotel Marriot to take the final clue from a room number, which was given to them as a puzzle. The room number was 220.



They had to reach the mat in the lawns of the Marriot to finish the race where the winners were welcomed by the GC members, fellow racers (who got eliminated at previous legs), students and the Chak De India song, balloons and snowflakes sprayed all over.

The First prize of Rs 25,000 was awarded to **D Nandakumar**, Coimbatore & **Niya Paul**, Kochi, the second prize of Rs 15,000 to **Nitin Gupta**, Delhi & **Muhammad Muzzammil**, Coimbatore & the third prize to **Anish Malhotra**, Delhi & **Tanvee Agarwal**, Ahmedabad.

The race culminated with the Net Summit on “**Be The Change**”.

They Came...They Ran....They Conquered!!

