

Green – I Contest 2008

24 September 2008: Hotel Grand Hyatt , Mumbai

To create awareness and encourage school students to think about conservation and instill environmental responsibility among the future citizens of the country, CII's Young Indians along with Indian Green Building Council and Carrier conducted the Green-I 2008 contest - a National level school competition. This initiative is a continuation of last year's Green – I 2007 conducted at Chennai as a pilot project that got together 50 schools in Chennai.

The topic given to the schools was **“How they can make their school campus green and energy-efficient”**? This year the contest received entries from over 100 schools from various cities including Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Jamshedpur, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, Pondicherry, Nagaland, Jaipur, Lucknow and Madurai. The schools sent in their ideas in the form of sketches, drawings, write –ups in an A4 size document limited to 15 pages were evaluated by two rigorous processes of screenings for 2 consecutive weekends. The criteria for evaluation of all entries were content/ideas, clarity, ability to implement the ideas, innovation and presentation. The top 5 entries were shortlisted and they made a presentation in front of a panel of distinguished judges on 24 September 2008 at Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai.



The judges for the contest were:



Dr Prem C Jain, Chairman Indian Green Building Council , Chairman and Managing Director , Spectral Services Consultants Pvt Ltd.,

Mr. Ranganath N K , Managing Director of Grundfos Pumps India Pvt

Mr & Mrs Parasuraman, Founding Chairman Indian Green Building Council and Vice President , World Indian Green Building Council

Judges Mrs Janaki Parasuraman ,
Dr Prem C Jain and Mr N K Ranganath

The contest started with a welcome remark by **Dr. Rahul Mirchandani**, Vice Chairman Young Indians and address on Green – I contest 2008 by **Ms Deepa Sathiam**, Environment Chairperson Yi National.



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The criteria based on which the winners were selected was,

- Originality of ideas
- Concept and design content
- Clarity on the specific concepts suggested for implementation
- Ability to implement the ideas proposed easily/practically in the school campus
- Creativity and innovation in the presentation of ideas



Top five schools shortlisted for the Green – I contest finals

After 3 hours of presentation and deliberations by the judges **Kola Perumal Chetty Vaishnav Senior Secondary School, Chennai** was declared as the winner, followed by **Marias Public School, Guwahati** as first runner up and **KR Mangalam World School, Delhi** as second runner up.

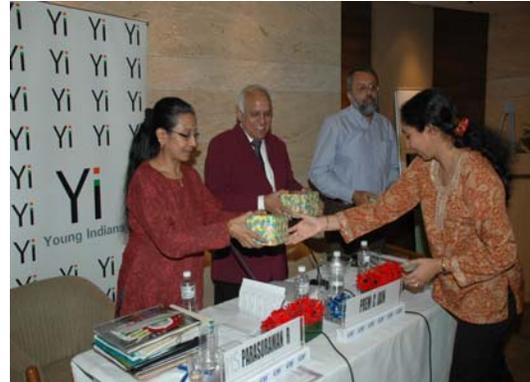


Q & A Session

Kola Perumal Chetty Vaishnav Senior Secondary school topped the contest with ideas that were not only innovative and sustainable but also specific to their school campus. One of their ideas included harvesting rain water to prevent run off into sea. Their school was in a low lying area. So when ever it rains, the campus gets flooded and it takes days for the water to drain out. They wanted to prevent water from draining into the sea, which is already over – burdened because of global warming and to use the wasted water. Solution to this was canal system that would drain all the stagnant water into a sump. The water could then be taken to an overhead tank and used for gardening. The other idea was the creation of a roof garden on top of the school building to reduce electricity consumption through air conditioners and fans, thus conserving energy. The two potential solutions to everyday problems were a hit with the judges at the contest.

The winning school receives a grant of Rs 7,50,000/- for implementing other green ideas in their school and help create model eco schools that can then become a solid foundation for teaching and educating future students on environmentally-friendly practices. This grant of Rs. 7,50,000 was completely sponsored by **Carrier** towards the Green – I contest.

The contest ended with a closing remark by **Ms Deepa Sathiam** and presenting of small memento to the judges as a token of appreciation.



The winning schools received their awards on September 25, 08 at the inauguration of the **All-India Green Building Congress 2008 at The Grand Hyatt, Mumbai**. The schools received the awards from **Mr. Niranjn Hiranandani, chief guest of the All-India Green Congress, Mr. Zubin Irani, Managing Director, Carrier Aircon Ltd and Dr Prem C Jain , Chairman of the Indian Green Building Council**.



Winners Green – I contest 2008
Kola Perumal Chetty Vaishnav Senior Secondary School