

# BITS Pilani's 'Quark' off to rollicking start

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**Panaji:** 'Quark', the annual techno-management festival of BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus, Zuarinagar, will be held on campus from February 5-7, 2016. Besides events, there will be guest lectures, workshops and special nights.

The wonders of the ever-expanding universe have always been a source of fascination and intrigue. At 'Quark 2016' it was the quiz that took participants on a cosmic odyssey.

For a taste of corporate there was the Bluechip Beat-down organized by the Quark corporate panel. It is a business game with a twist.

Apart from technical and machine-oriented events, Quark also hosted other events for wannabe entrepreneurs, like Quest, where participants got a chance to pitch their business ideas in the final round to noted venture capitalists and investors. The winning idea gets funded.

Numbers (a mathematics fest to popularise math), Ganimatoonics (a quiz for all geeks), Digilogica (a game of digital design), and MATKA (annual e-sports event) were some of the other exciting events.

The contest 'Design for Disaster' involved presen-



Magician Chris Cheong from Malaysia with a participant

ting solutions on common disasters. C B K Moorthy announced Ranajoy Roy as the winner.

Roborace saw participants remote-controlling a 4-wheeled robot and running it through an obstacle maze. Around 30 teams from all over India participated. Robots were created by the participants.

Meet Modi and Tushar Pandey from BITS Goa won Wallstreet Revolution.

Apart from events and workshops, the speaker lineup of day one included co-founder and CEO of Mozilla, Brendan Eich, editor-in-chief of ESPNCricInfo, Sambit Bal, winner of the TED Prize in 2013, Sugata Mitra, co-founder and CTO of InMobi, Mohit Saxena, board of directors, RBI and former president, NASSCOM, Kiran Karnik, and Malaysia's best magician and mentalist, Chris Cheong.