

# Thoughtful ideas on the ramp

The department of Fashion and Apparel Design of Oxford College conducted a grand fashion festival, *Maia Maiesta* recently. Speaking on the occasion Dr Somashekhar complimented the students for their creativity during the fashion show and portfolio presentation. The organisers believed that fashion was the only powerful vehicle for bringing about peace in a strife torn-world. Hence, they had chosen the theme *Aman Ki Asha* for the fashion show.

The show was a mix of portfolio presentation by the students of Oxford College and the competition between three other colleges. The teams from Oxford College presented four collections. The first one was an Indo-western theme and showcased *Victorian* fashion and also Indian apparel like saris and *sahwars*. The second collection was aptly called *The guilt trip* and had models displaying an array of designs ranging from funky beach wear, high fashion designs, biker chic wear to street wear.

The most delightful collection of the show was the 'fairytale' where the students walked the ramp in yards of fabric showcasing beautiful evening gowns. They immediately reminded everyone of the fairytales of Snow White and Cinderella. The clothes were bright and innovative, depicting the work that the design students had put into their show. The last segment of the portfolio presentation was a men's collection which had straight cut pants, cool shorts, Indian and Western formals among others. The design students didn't deter from using colours like

clothes were targeted at men. But it was the audience who was the star of the show and kept the pace going with the noise and the catcalls.

Teams from various other colleges vied with one another for the top spot in the competitive fashion show. VET College presented its collection called *Hope for peace* which was a combination of white and green, each colour representing India and Pakistan respectively. The designs were varied, with models displaying fishcut gowns, polka dots and layered skirts. The Garden City College used the clothing of various cultures such as Indian, Chinese and Spanish as a theme. It had men and women walking the ramp as couples

and the Spanish couple generated a lot of noise from the audience.

M S Ramaiah College looked at nature for inspiration and called its collection *Nature calling*. It had models walking the ramp displaying various aspects of nature like flowers, leaves, water, fruits which were also used on the clothes.

Students of the Garden City College emerged as the winners of the fashion show and the participants went back with the hope of returning to *Maia Maiesta* next year.

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**BRIGHT Hope For Peace collection by the VET College.**

