City students emerge winners at Appathon with their FIR app

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FOUR STUDENTS from city-based Army Institute of Technology (AIT) emerged as winners at the Appathon, a competition organised by the Government of Karnataka along with Mobile 10X, the latest initiative by the Internet and Mobile Association Of India (IAMAI), which aims to make India a global superpower in mobile app development.

The winners will get an opportunity to closely work with the Karnataka government to take the winning idea to the pilot stage. The team from Pune called TheoneCoders included four members – Rohtash Singh, Sandeep Singh, Manish Kumar and Abhishek Shukla.

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The five themes given to the participants included Engage, Inform and Educate the Job Seeker; Clean Cities for Swachh Bharat; Easy Reporting and Verification of Accident FIR; Make Karnataka a Child Labour-Free zone; and Easy Complaints Reporting and Redressal System.

On what worked for the winning team, Rohtash from TheoneCoders, said, "We chose to make an app on the theme 'Easy Reporting and Verification of Accident FIR' because we felt that it is something that is needed in the society and will be very useful for the general public. In the first phase, we submitted the prototype, which later made to the top 25 ideas. On the day of Appathon, the participants had to improvise the prototype and hack their way through an eight-hour challenge." At the grand finale, while TheoneCoders were declared winners, a team called Eswaras were declared runners-up. A total of Rs 3.5 lakh prize money was distributed to the winners. The event drew

AIT, the winning team, with the officials and runners-up. *Express Photo*

participation from potential recruiters, venture funds and senior government officials from across the country.

"We have been told that in the coming months, we will be contacted by the government officials to take the app to the next level so that it can be launched for the public," added Rohtash.

Talking about the utility of the app, Rohtash said that the team's aim is to bridge the communication and service response between people and police officials. Because of traffic congestion, the frequency of road accidents are increasing day-by-day and hence, there is a need for a proper response mechanism, so that the common man can easily lodge their complaints and get quick response from police officials.

In the app that is named CopConnect, one

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can register and FIR, check status of FIR and also lodge a complaint. "For instance, if one wishes to register an FIR on the app - Go to the New Case Option; Take the picture of the accident and click Next Button; Generate the report by filling all the details and click register button; and you will receive FIR registered successfully notification," said Rohtash.

Speaking about the salient features of the app, a team member said that the Build System of the app is divided into two components using two different platforms - web portal and android. To provide a good overview and control over complaints and requests, police officials will have web portal dashboard where they will receive complaints and requests from users.

"The user (i.e general public) will be using an Android app which will help them to register their complaints to the police officials at any time. Police Dashboard is well organised and sorted in term of solved, new and ongoing cases. The user contact info will help the police officials contact the user," he said.